

Government of West Bengal for famine relief in the State;

(i) Approved the ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 2767 lakhs for the purpose of Central assistance covering both kharif and pre-kharif periods of 1979-80.

(ii) Short-term loan for agricultural inputs amounting to Rs. 8 crores was sanctioned for rabi crops and Rs. 5 crores for kharif and pre-kharif in 1979-80. For Kharif 1980, a short-term loan of Rs. 5 crores was sanctioned. A further sum of Rs. 2 crores of short-term loan is being sanctioned for kharif 1980.

(iii) During 1979-80, under the Normal and Special Food for Work Programme, 2.45 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains, including 0.30 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains carried over from the previous year, were allocated and released. During 1980-81, a total quantity of 70,000 metric tonnes (20,000 MT under normal and 50,000 MT under the Special Food for Work Programme) of foodgrains have been allocated. Out of this, a quantity of 20,000 MT of rice has been released already.

iv) During 1979-80, 6700 MT of foodgrains was allocated under the Food for Nutrition Programme for feeding expectant mothers, nursing mothers, old and infirm, destitutes and handicapped persons and children below six years. The State Governments have been informed to continue the programme till September, 1980 by utilising the left-over quantity of foodgrains.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Uniforms to Employees working in Begusarai Post Office**

5751. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postmen working in Begusarai Dis-

trict Post Office and other Class IV employees have not been provided with uniforms for the last four years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that warm uniforms had reached Patna last January but have not been issued to the employees so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that Extra Departmental Employees have not been given the benefit of revision of dearness allowance already sanctioned; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No, Sir. Uniforms were supplied every year during the last four years.

(b) Woollen uniforms for the staff of Begusarai Postal Division are being stitched and will be supplied shortly.

(c) and (d). The Extra Departmental employees of the P&T Department are paid a consolidated remuneration which is revised once in two years taking into account the cost of living index (which contains an element of dearness). They are not entitled to Dearness Allowance applicable to regular Central Government employees.

#### **Grants to Utkal, Berhampur and Sambalpur Universities**

5752. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to the Utkal, Berhampur and Sambalpur universities during the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 under major heads;

(b) how it compares to the grant sanctioned to other Universities of similar status; and

(c) the amount asked for and sanctioned to the Sambalpur University for opening of book banks in the colleges under its control?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) and (b). The University Grants Commission sanctions development grants to Universities for a plan

period as a whole, and not on year-wise basis. The Commission had sanctioned to these Universities, during 1978-79, the following grants, for programmes which formed part of their Fifth Plan Schemes:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Purpose	Berhampur	Sambalpur	Utkal
Staff . . . . .	..	..	..
Buildings . . . . .	26.55	11.10	10.02
Equipments . . . . .	3.55	5.33	11.09
Books . . . . .	7.16	6.20	10.68
Miscellaneous . . . . .	0.70	2.00	1.35
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	<b>37.96</b>	<b>25.23</b>	<b>33.14</b>

No sanctions were conveyed in 1979-80 or 1980-81. As grants sanctioned to Universities during the period under reference formed only a part of their overall Fifth Plan Schemes, any comparison of such grants sanctioned to Universities in Orissa during these years with those sanctioned to other Universities will be neither practical nor meaningful.

(c) The Scheme of book banks is intended for Colleges only and no grant is sanctioned to Universities for this purpose. The Commission sanctioned grants amounting to Rs. 3,39,750 to Colleges affiliated to Sambalpur University during the Fifth Plan.

#### Rates of Trunk-Calls, Telephone rent and Local Calls

5753. SHRI B. R. NAHATA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the rates of trunk-calls, telephone rent and local calls

during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(b) the gross income from telephone rents, trunk-calls and local calls during the above period;

(c) the number of telephones installed and trunk and local calls made during the above period;

(d) the expenditure on salaries, maintenance and other sundry expenses during these years and what was the net profit or loss during these years; and

(e) the percentage of trunk calls maturing these years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):** (a) to (d). The information is given in the enclosed statement.

(e) The percentage of trunk calls matured during 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 was 79.2, 76.9 and 74.9 per cent respectively.