

towards the transfer of the newly developed technologies to the producer.

#### **Food Production in Punjab**

5900. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production in Punjab in respect of wheat and rice upto June, 1980; and

(b) the percentage of production of wheat and rice in Punjab with that of all India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) The production of rice in Punjab has steadily increased from a level of 14.5 lakh tonnes in 1975-76 to 30.7 lakh tonnes in 1978-79. The production of wheat has also increased in Punjab from a level of 57.9 lakh tonnes in 1975-76 to 73.9 lakh tonnes in 1978-79. The final estimates of rice and wheat for 1979-80 have not yet become available from Punjab. However, according to current assessment, the production of rice might be around the last year's level of 30.7 lakh tonnes in 1978-79, while the production of wheat might mark an increase of about 3 to 5 per cent over the level of 73.9 lakh tonnes in 1978-79.

(b) The percentage production of wheat and rice in Punjab to that of all-India is 4.9 and 21.2 respectively for the triennium ended 1978-79.

#### **Fair Price Shops without Rice**

5901. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

SHRI BAPUSAHEB  
PARULEKAR:

SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of fair price shops in Delhi have gone without stocks of rice, for the last fortnight;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) There was some paucity of rice at some of the fair price shops in Delhi during the third and fourth weeks of June and first few days of July, 1980.

(b) and (c). The supply was interrupted at some of the fair price shops due to the go-slow and work-to-rule agitation of the Food Corporation of India staff. However, Delhi Administration took contingency steps for uninterrupted supply of food articles through centres opened for this purpose.

#### **Opening of P&T Offices in Bihar**

5902. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages, District-wise, in Bihar which do not have Posts & Telegraph Offices till now; and

(b) the number of Posts & Telegraph Offices that are proposed to be opened in Bihar as a whole and in North Bihar, District-wise during the Sixth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) District-wise information relating to the number of villages that do not have post offices in Bihar is furnished in Annexure I and the number of villages that do not have telegraph offices in Bihar is furnished in Annexure II.

(b) The number of Posts and Telegraph Offices that are proposed to be opened in Bihar as a whole and in North Bihar District-wise during the Sixth Plan period will be finalised after the Plan targets are decided.