

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.

ANNEXURE-I

District-wise information relating to the number of inhabited villages without Post Offices in Bihar.

Name of the District	No. of villages
1. Bhojpur	1356
2. Palamau	3179
3. Aurangabad	2016
4. Saharsa	1005
5. Singhbhum	3708
6. Dhanbad	1149
7. Gaya }	4358
8. Nawadha }	
9. Nalanda	1046
10. Siwan }	2044
11. Gopalganj }	
12. Hazaribagh }	5502
13. Giridih }	
14. Ranchi	2942
15. Chapra	2075
16. Monghyr	2026
17. Rohtas	1743
18. Smastipur	1055
19. Bhagalpur	2903
20. Champaran East }	2231
21. West Champaran }	
22. Muzaffarpur }	2596
23. Vaishali }	
24. Darbhanga }	1440
25. Madhubani }	
26. Santhal Parganas	7598
27. Begusarai	675
28. Patna	930
29. Sitamarhi	1024
30. Purnea }	3454
31. Katihar }	

ANNEXURE-II

District-wise information relating to the number of inhabited Villages without Telegraph Offices in Bihar.

Name of District	No. of villages	
1. East Champaran }	2500	
2. West Champaran }		
3. Patna }	2273	
4. Nalanda }		
5. Purnea }	3824	
6. Katihar }		
7. Muzaffarpur }		
8. Vaishali }		
9. Sitamarhi }		
10. Samastipur }		
11. Saran }		4233
12. Siwan }		
13. Gopalganj }		
14. Darbhanga }		3061
15. Madhubai }		
16. Monghyr }	3240	
17. Begusarai }		
18. Gaya }	6175	
19. Aurangabad }		
20. Nawadah }		
21. Hazaribagh }	6083	
22. Giridih }		
23. Rohtas }	4723	
24. Bhojpur }		
25. Saharsa	1154	
26. Bhagalpur	2491	
27. Santhal Pargana	9975	
28. Palamau	3200	
29. Dhanbad	1346	
30. Ranchi	3796	
31. Singhbhum	4332	