संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कार्तिक उरांव) : (क) से (ग) तक. छठी पंच वर्षीय (1980–85) की अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय डाक योजना तैयार की गई है और इस समय योजना आयोग के साथ उसे अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है। परामर्श करके योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिए जाने के पश्चात् डाक सर्किलों के लिए लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया जाएगा। तथापि योजना के अन्तर्गत विकासात्मक उपाय के बतौर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में केवल विभागेतर शाखा ड.कघर ही खोले जाते है। अन्य डाकघर तब खोले जाते हैं जब वे अपना खर्चा स्वयं उठाने में समर्थ होते हैं।

Persons Employed under Food for Work Programme and daily Payment of Foodgrains

977. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTON be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons throughout the country out of total rural population who got employment under the food for work programme during 1979 and 1980 (till October, 1980) Statewise; and

(b) the daily quantity of foodgrains given to the workers in lieu of wages and total quantity alongwith cost distributed as such during 1979 and 1980 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) According to information received upto-date employment generated under the Food for Work Programme (now National Rural Employment Programme) during the year 1978-79 was around 36 crores mandays and during 1979-80 around 50 crores mandays (complete information from all the States/Union Territories is yet to be received). A copy of the statement (No. I) is laid on the table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See* No. LT-1419/80].

(b) Under the Food for Work Programme, the State Governments/Union Territories were permitted to pay the wages of the workers engaged on works under the programme either partly or wholly in foodgrains. While some of the States/Union Territories paid only part of the wages in foodgrains, some other paid the entire wages in foodgrains. Also the rates of wages all over the country are not uniform. Now, under the NREP, the payment of wages in foodgrains has been restricted to 3 kgs. (2 kgs. in foodgrains and price equivalent of 1 kg. in cash). During the year 1979-80, the total quantity of foodgrains allocated under FWP was about 30 lakh Metric Tonnes costing nearly Rs. 420 crore. This includes alocations under the special F.F.W. programme for the drought affected areas also. Allocation of foodgrains during the current financial year is about 21 lakh Metric Tonnes costing nearly Rs. 294 crores.

Statements (No. II and III) giving State-wise allocations for 1979-80 and 1980-81 are placed on the table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See* No. *LT—1419/80*].

हिमाचल प्रदेश में सेबों के विपणन और परिरक्षण के लिये विश्व बैंक की परियोजना

978. श्री जितेन्द्र प्रसाद : क्या ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत कुछ वर्षों से हिमाचल प्रदेश में सेबों के विपणन और परिरक्षण के लिए विश्व बैंक बोर्ड परियोजना चला रहा है ;

(ख) परियोजना का कुल अनुमानित व्यय कितना होगा और अब तक विभिन्न परियोजनाओं पर कितनी राशि खर्च की