

ग्रुप आवास समितियों को आवंटित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ख) और (ग). चूक आवंटन की पद्धति को अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है इसलिए इन व्यौरों को देना सम्भव नहीं है।

Delay in Supply of Uniforms and Umbrellas to Class IV and E.D. Staff in Kerala

3650. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaint from the Class IV and extra Department Staff in Kerala circle that there is abnormal delay in the supply of uniforms and umbrellas; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The supply of uniforms to Class IV staff in Kerala circle was delayed due to delay in supply of cloth by the contracting firms. The supply of uniforms to these staff has since been completed. Umbrellas to class IV staff were supplied in time. Supply of umbrellas to E.D. staff was completed in February, 1981.

Population of Poultry and Price of Eggs and chicken Meat

3651. SHRI T. DAMODAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of poultry in the country and total production of eggs and chicken meat per year in the country;

(b) the average price paid to the farmers for each egg during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the average rates of poultry feed during the above years;

(d) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to pay remunerative price for eggs to the poultry farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The total population of poultry in the country was 138.544 million as per 1972 census. The estimated production of eggs was about 12,820 million during 1979-80 and that of chicken meat during 1979 was 1.07.000 tonnes.

(b) A statement showing the average wholesale prices of eggs in different markets of the country during the last three years is attached. The poultry farmers generally get the wholesale price minus the transportation and other incidental charges like wholesales's commission etc.

(c) The rates of various poultry feeds vary in different regions of the country and from manufacturer to manufacturer. As per the information available with the Ministry of Agriculture, the prices of layer feed ranged from about Rs. 1050 to Rs. 1461 per tonne during 1978, from Rs. 1010 to Rs. 1574 per tonne during 1979 and from Rs. 1100 to Rs. 1735 per tonne during 1980.

(d) and (e). To ensure remunerative prices for eggs to the poultry farmers, the Government of India have entrusted the responsibilities of marketing of eggs and poultry at the National and Regional level to the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED). Financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 42.00 lakhs has already been provided to NAFED for supporting its eggs marketing and promotional activities. The NAFED which has already started egg marketing activity in the northern region is also taking steps to enter this field in other areas in the country.

Statement

Average wholesale egg prices expressed in terms of price per egg in rupees in major markets of the country.

Name of the Market	Years		
	1978	1979	1980
Bombay	037	037	036
Calcutta	046	046	047
Madras	034	034	035
Delhi	035	035	037

Opening of Divisional Headquarters at Chhapra and Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Siwan

3652. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand being made by the people of Chhapra and Siwan in Bihar for the opening of a Divisional Headquarters at Chhapra and a Sub-Divisional headquarters at Siwan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new Telegraph Sub-Division with headquarter at Siwan has recently been sanctioned. As regards opening a Divisional Headquarters at Chhapra, case has been examined recently and opening of a new Division with headquarters at Chhapra has not been found justified on workload norms, as on date.

Indo-North Korea Pact in Agriculture

3653. SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Democratic Republic of Korea signed an agreement in the field of agriculture;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement;

(c) the extent to which it will benefit India; and

(d) the scheme that North Korea will assist the Indian Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Protocol between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on cooperation in the fields of Agricultural Research & Education and Irrigation was signed in New Delhi on February 4, 1981. The Protocol envisages longterm cooperation in the field of agricultural research, education and training and improvement of agricultural production techniques and extension thereof and also in the field of irrigation and water resources development, between the two Governments. The parameters of the Protocol are:—

(a) exchange of scientists, technologists, students and trainees;

(b) exchange of germ plasm and breeding material including seed and plant material;

(c) exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology.