

Foodstock with N. E. States

167. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North Eastern States have sufficient stocks of foodgrains;

(b) whether the supply of essential commodities to the region is reviewed regularly to ensure sufficient stock to meet their public distribution system;

(c) whether attempt has also been made to build up comfortable stocks in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) As on 1-8-1981, the stock of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India in the North Eastern States (including Assam) was of the order of 79,100 tonnes, including 30,600 tonnes of wheat and 48,500 tonnes of rice. Compared to monthly allotments of foodgrains to North Eastern States, the existing stocks are considered low. With a view to replenishing the same, it has been decided between the Food Corporation of India and the Railways to load 155 BG wagons per day (about 1.07 lakh tonnes of foodgrains per month) to North Eastern States from the North Zone. Necessary steps are being taken by the Food Corporation of India to implement the decision.

(b) The position in regard to movement/supply of foodgrains to various States including North Eastern States is reviewed by the Government (Department of Food) periodically alongwith the representatives of the Food Corporation of India Railways and the State Government and remedial action is taken, as and when necessary. Difficulty if any, in movement/supply of levy

sugar is also discussed at these periodical meetings, as and when pointed out by the State Representatives, for taking necessary remedial measures. Special efforts are also being made to ensure smooth supply of edible oils to North Eastern States.

(c) and (d). As indicated against paras (a) and (b) above.

Buffer Stock of Essential Commodities

168. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to maintain a buffer stock of essential commodities in the warehouses and cold storages of each State;

(b) if so, when this proposal is going to be implemented; and

(c) the details about the programmes made so far in the implementation of the above proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irrigation Projects of Sundergarh to be taken up during Sixth Plan period

169. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal for taking up the construction work of some medium and major irrigation projects of Orissa during the Plan period;

(b) which medium and major irrigation projects of Sundergarh district of Orissa have been identified to be taken up during the above plan period;

(c) when the construction work of those medium irrigation projects is expected to be completed during the above plan period;

(d) their cost of construction and total acres of land of that district likely to be irrigated on completion of those irrigation projects; and

(e) the details about the progress made so far in the implementation of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa will be executing 7 major and 31 medium on-going projects, and 14 major and 9 medium new schemes during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) Four on-going schemes namely, Sarafgarh, Talasara, Barasuan and Kansa Bahal, and two new schemes namely is major irrigation project and Mandira canals medium project will benefit Sundergarh district of Orissa.

(c) All the four on-going medium schemes namely, Sarafgarh, Talasara, Barasuan and Kansa Bahal are expected to be completed by the end of the Sixth Plan. The two new schemes namely Ib Irrigation Project and Mandira Canals will, however, spill-over into the Seventh Plan.

(d) and (e) The latest estimated cost, anticipated expenditure upto March, 1981 and the irrigation potential accruing from these projects in Sundergarh District are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated cost	Anticipated expenditure upto March, 1981	Benefits on completion of Schemes
I. Continuing Schemes				
1.	Sarafgarh	380.91	229.79	3.38
2.	Talasara	518.26	310.09	4.17
3.	Barasuan	330.00	11.50	4.35
4.	Kansa Bahal	677.00	11.50	7.04
II. New Schemes				
1.	Ib	13000.00	..	182.00
2.	Mandira	1500.00	..	28.00

Parking of Two-Wheelers in Corridor of Vithalbai Patel House

170. SHRI MATILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the main corridor of Vithalbai Patel House is used for parking of two-wheelers for years; and

(b) the steps that have been taken to prevent this?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As recommended by the Joint House Committee of both the Houses of Parliament, a scooter-cum-cycle stand was constructed in 1980. However, the residents are not availing of this facility and are parking their scooters in the corridors, despite repeated requests from