

during the corresponding period of last year. Further, to ensure sufficient procurement of kharif cereals Government has streamlined and strengthened the levy system and advised the State Governments to prevent leakage of procurement levies. The Food Corporation of India and State procurement agencies have also strengthened the purchase arrangements.

**Residential colonies in Delhi provided with Government accommodation**

4738. SHRI V. S. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Government residential colonies where residential flats over shops have been allotted to Government employees;

(b) the category of those flats;

(c) whether it is a fact that in colonies like Srinivaspuri etc minimum required amenities have not been provided in such flats; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Srinivaspuri, Andrews Ganj, R. K. Puram, Nanakpura, Kidwai Nagar and Lancer Road.

(b) Type C&D.

(c) Minimum amenities such as electricity, water supply and sewerage system have been provided.

(d) Does not arise.

**Setting up of dry farming research station at Palani (Tamil Nadu)**

4739. SHRI A. SENAPATHY GOUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a Dry Farming Research

Station at Palani and Vedasendur in Madurai District in Tamil Nadu as the annual rain fall is very low there; and

(b) if not, what are the other steps taken for the benefits of agriculturists in Palani in Tamil Nadu which is a most backward area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the problem of Dryland Agriculture, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is operating a centre at Kovilpatti in Tamil Nadu State. This centre is conducting the research work on the regional problems of Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu State. As a result of research work carried out so far at this centre suitable dryland technology has been evolved and recommended for adoption in the region. The package of dryland technology includes suitable crops and varieties, dryland agronomy, efficient use of rain water and fertilizers.

**Transfer of Deputy Director/Director in Central Water Commission**

4740. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down by Government for transfer of Deputy Directors and Directors of the Central Water Commission from one Station to another Station;

(b) whether it is fact that in a number of cases the above criteria have not been followed strictly in Delhi while transferring the Deputy Directors/Directors of the Central Water Commission;

(c) if so, the number of Deputy Directors and Directors (including their period as Deputy Directors) of the