

- (ii) Delayed arrival of the monsoon; and
- (iii) An unfavourable pressure distribution over the Gangetic plain

World's Wettest Spot

1337. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World's wettest spot has changed from Cherrapunji to Mawsyhrum, a tiny village in the Khasi Hills,

(b) if so, the correct position in this regard; and

(c) total rainfall at these two places during the last ten years?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b) Complete year's data, i.e., rainfall data for all the twelve months of a year, are available only for four years from 1912-17 and for five years for the later period from 1940. These records show that during these years Mawsyhrum had an average of about

35 inches more rain in the year than Cherrapunji. Nevertheless, during the year 1952 for which complete year's data is available, Cherrapunji had about 3 inches more rain than Mawsyhrum. It cannot, therefore, be stated categorically that the world's wettest spot has changed from Cherrapunji to Mawsyhrum. The point to bear in mind in this connexion is that these two places are only twelve miles apart

(c) A statement showing the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix, III, annexure No. 144]

Stock Position of Foodgrains Commodities

1338. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state stock position of wheat and rice in the various State and Central food godowns during last six months, monthwise?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The information is given below —

In 000 tons

Month-ending on	In State Government Godowns		In Central Government Godowns		Quantity in transit		Total	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
28-2-58	249	121	484	249	138	39	871	409
31-3-58	243	177	656	310	100	33	999	520
30-4-58	212	204	702	370	121	42	1,035	616
31-5-58	174	222	668	404	161	35	1,003	661
30-6-58	164	241	588	388	129	36	881	665
31-7-58	115	215	439	387	175	15	729	617