

(b) the reasons for shortage of foodgrains ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) Foodgrains are transported by road from Choraibari and Dharamnagar railheads to Food Corporation of India Depots in Agartala District. During the last 3 years, the transit shortages in transportation of foodgrains from the aforesaid railheads to F.C.I. Depots, and storage shortage in the Food Corporation of India godowns in Agartala District were as under:—

(Figures in tonnes)

Years	Transit shortages	Storage shortages
1979-80	90	549
1980-81	67	94
1981-82	49	409

(b) The reasons for shortages during road transport from rail-heads to godowns in Agartala District and storage shortages in the godowns are spillage during handling and transport bursting of gunnies, different modes of weighments, driage during storage, and spillage and wastage during handling in godowns.

Transfer of Technology Programme of ICAR

2207. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited the scheme "Transfer of Technology Programme of ICAR" upto July, 1982 ; and

(b) steps being taken to make this scheme more successful for the benefit of farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) 49,344 small and marginal farmers including agricultural labourers have benefited from the Lab to Land transfer of technology programme of the I.C.A.R. till July, 1982.

(b) The experience gained from the first phase (1979-82) of the Lab to Land Programme is being fully utilised for improving the second phase of the programme. An evaluation team has been appointed by the Council to make an in-depth study of the Lab to Land Programme in the first phase and suggest measures for making further improvements for its successful implementation. Instead of 86 Transfer of Technology Centres in the first phase, there are now 141 Transfer of Technology Centres for implementing the programmes. A National Workshop on Lab to Land Programme was held in May, 1982 for orienting all the Zonal Coordinators, Directors of Extension and Institutes/Universities' level Coordinators for revitalising the programme and for its effective implementation and monitoring. The progress of the programme is being monitored from the headquarters in association with 8 Zonal Coordinating Units located in different Zones. The Zonal Coordinators are having quarterly Zonal Advisory Committee meetings in which all the associated agencies are involved for assessing the progress and making improvements wherever necessary.

राज्यों को अंग्रेजी में भेजे गये मूल पत्रों की संख्या

2208. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1982 की प्रथम छमाही के दौरान उनके मंत्रालय ने 'क' और 'ख' क्षेत्र