

upon the locality factors under various afforestation programmes.

(b) No targets are fixed specifically for planting of Neem trees.

(c) No target for neem seeds collection was fixed.

(d) Does not arise.

Minimising Foodgrains' Losses

7641. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of unscientific storage conditions, India's foodgrains losses are the maximum ;

(b) what is the percentage of losses ;

(c) the steps Government propose to adopt to minimise foodgrains losses ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Some losses to foodgrains have occurred in Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation on account of various factors during procurement, storage and transportation. The percentage of total losses to the total volume of operations (purchase and sale) during the year 1980-81 to 1982-83 in Food Corporation of India are as under :

1980-81	2.76%
1981-82	2.28%
1982-83	2.37%

(c) and (d). A number of preventive and curative measures are being taken to minimise the losses. They include, effective supervision at the loading and unloading points, insistence of weighment and coun-

ting of bags at the time of transportation and receipt, tightening up of security arrangements, quality control measures at all stages, augmenting scientific storage capacity, and reduction of storage in the open.

Export Farms in Corporate Sector

7642. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to establish 100 percent export farms in corporate sector ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) how it will affect the Land Ceiling Act ;

(c) whether Government would consider to give incentives to farmers for export items production instead of giving facilities to corporate sector ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Strike by Employees of F.C.I. in Sympathy with Dock Workers

7643. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of loss suffered by Food Corporation of India due to the strike organised by its employees in sympathy with the Dock workers ;

(b) whether F.C.I. employees strike has affected the public distribution system in the country ;

(c) if so, to what extent ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure better public distribution system after the strike ?