

this programme, the Government of Bihar have taken up road schemes only estimated to cost about Rs. 36.89 lakhs. The total expenditure reported upto the end of January, 1972 is Rs. 5.98 lakhs resulting in the generation of 1.46 lakhs mandays of employment.

Opening of Warehouse for Food Corporation of India in Purnia

4520. SHRI M. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to open Warehouse/Godown for Food Corporation of India in Barni Hat, Rauta Hat (Sadur, Purnia), Bahadurganj and Bishan Pur (Kishan Ganj Sub-Division, Purnia) ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE) : (a) and (b). In order to meet the storage requirements of the Food Corporation of India in the Kishan Ganj sub-Division of Purnia district, approval has been given to the Central Warehousing Corporation to construct 5,000 tonnes storage capacity in the above sub-division. The location selected is the headquarters of the sub-division.

Sugar Production and its effect on Export

4521. SHRI RAMKANWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of sugar in the country during the current year as compared to last two years, year-wise ; and

(b) whether fluctuation in sugar production has in any way affected export of sugar and to what extent our foreign exchange earning has been affected as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) The production of sugar during the current year 1971-72 (1st October 1971 to 30th September, 1972) upto

the 15th of April, 1972, was 29.32 lakh tonnes. The total production during the year may be about 31 lakh tonnes as against 37.40 lakh tonnes in 1970-71 and 42.62 lakh tonnes in 1969-70.

(b) Yes, Sir. During the year 1972 a quantity of about 1 lakh tonnes only of sugar is likely to be exported which may earn a foreign exchange of about Rs. 12 crores. The quantity of sugar exported during the year 1971 was about 3.32 lakh tonnes which earned a foreign exchange of about Rs 31 crores.

Ladakh Institute of Higher Studies

4522. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ladakh Institute of Higher Studies was originally established to impart Higher education upto the Degree level to the students from the border areas;

(b) if so, whether a decision has been taken to convert it into a Higher Secondary School on the lines of Central Schools ;

(c) what are the likely repercussions on the career and emoluments of the member of the staff who joined the Institute with the hope of teaching Degree classes; and

(d) the likely fate of the students who came from border areas and joined this Institute for higher learning ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) to (d). The Ladakh Institute of Higher Studies was originally established to impart education and training upto Shastri level of the Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya to selected students of the Himalayan Border areas stretching from NEFA in the East to Ladakh in the West including Himachal Pradesh, Kullu and Spiti Valley, Sikkim and Bhutan and also for other students who may be admitted to the Institute. The Institute was receiving grant-in-aid from the Delhi Administration With the discontinuance of Grant-in-aid by the Delhi Administration to