

movement of foodgrains by road to Assam despite availability of railway wagons ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same : and

(c) whether this has been objected to by the Employees' Association of Food Corporation of India ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :** (a) and (b). In 1971, during the monsoon season and almost up to the end of October, the rail, river and road communications in the Eastern Region were seriously interrupted by floods. Consequently, the movement of foodgrains from sectors served by the broad gauge and the metre gauge railways to North Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, was seriously affected. Subsequently, emergency operations commenced in the Eastern Region. In the circumstances, it was considered essential to immediately build up three months' stock of foodgrains in Assam and other States in the North Eastern Region. It was not possible to do so by using rail transport alone. The Railways were simultaneously engaged in other urgent operational movements in the same sector. Therefore, the movement of foodgrains by rail to Assam had to be supplemented by road up to 1.1.1972.

(c) Does not arise.

**Supply of pulses by F. C. I. to Army while in operation in Bangladesh and Bangladesh Refugees**

**2842. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been instituted to elicit truth about the supply of sub-standard dal (pulses) by Food Corporation of India to army while in operation in Bangladesh ;

(b) whether same quality of pulses were supplied to the Bangladesh refugees ;

(c) whether procedure laid down in tender enquiry for inspection of this stocks by the Food Corporation of India staff before despatches were followed ; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the same ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :** (a) No such complaint has been received and hence the question of institution of any enquiry does not arise.

(b) The supply of pulses to Bangla Desh refugees was made by the Food Corporation of India in accordance with Fair Average Quality specifications through the State Governments and the Department of Rehabilitation of the Government of India.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Evening Classes in Nehru Memorial Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi**

**2843. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Evening Classes in Nehru Memorial Homoeopathic Medical College, Defence Colony, New Delhi have been stopped from this year;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether many Central Government employees with requisite qualification for admission into that College, will be put to a greater disadvantage with the decision of the authorities to close down Evening Classes; and

(d) if so, whether Government will consider opening of Evening Classes Colleges in Delhi for affording the Central Government employees with this facility in view of the shortages of doctors in Delhi ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (PROF. D.P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Education Advisory Committee of the Board of Management of the Nehru Memorial Homoeopathic Medical College