

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Konkan Coastal Passenger Shipping Services is usually operated from September every year to May of the following year. It remains suspended during the monsoon period. During 1973 the M/s. Chowgule Steamship Ltd., were not agreeable to re-start the service without getting a decision from Government regarding their request for increase in passenger fares. The Government considered the matter and decided to take over the ships utilised for this service. The service was resumed by Mogul Line Ltd., a public sector shipping company with effect from 14th November, 1973.

Temporary Employees in Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi

1759 SHRI PANNA LAL BARU-PAL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of permanent and temporary posts on the Establishment of Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi;

(b) the total number of employees in the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi who have rendered 10, 15 and 20 years of service and number of such employees under each group who are still temporary; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-ARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINIS-TRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) There are 2,278 permanent posts and 391 temporary posts in Minto Road Press.

(b) and (c). All employees who have 15 to 20 years' service are permanent. However, only 6 employees who have

10 years' service to their credit are still temporary. Main reasons for their not being declared permanent are vigilance cases against 3 officers and administrative reasons in case of others.

Issue of Basmati Rice through Fair Price Shops in Delhi

1760. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which basmati rice was issued to Delhi consumers through fair price shops during the year 1973 and upto 28th February, 1974; and

(b) the reasons for which regular supply of basmati rice is not made in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Basmati rice was issued in Delhi during May, 1973 to July, 1973.

(b) Regular supply of basmati rice is not possible in Delhi because of limited availability of this variety in the Central Pool.

Auction of Plots of Land by D.D.A.

1761. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Delhi Development Authority to release some plots of land in the Capital to be sold to middle income group through draw of lots at a fixed price in the near future;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor when every day the D.D.A. has been auctioning plots of land?