

A. M. Thomas): (a) The production of rice in Orissa during 1961-62 was 37.08 lakh tonnes. Production during the year 1962-63 is expected to be less, but the final estimates are not yet available.

(b) The approximate quantities of rice and paddy, in terms of rice, exported by rail during the 1961-62 season and up to 28th March, 1963 in the 1962-63 season were as follows:

1961-62 (1-11-1961—31-10-1962)—
3.5 lakh tonnes.

1962-63 (1-11-1962—28-3-1963)—
1 lakh tonnes.

(c) The information is not available as rice and paddy were exported on trade account.

Farm Output in Orissa

1914. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any short term loan has been given to the Government of Orissa for increasing farm output during 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). Yes. During 1960-61 and 1961-62 short term loans of Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 5 lakhs were sanctioned to the State Government for purchase and distribution of fertilisers for increasing production of commercial crops (arecanut and coconut) and food crops, respectively.

P. & T. Offices in Orissa

1915. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Posts and Telegraphs Offices at present in Orissa, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to

increase their number during 1963-64 and 1964-65; and

(c) if so, the number of places where these are likely to be provided?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-1138/63.]

(b) and (c). Yes;

Year	Post offices	*Telegraph offices.
1963-64	232	42
1964-65	227	28

*Subject to the availability of stores.

समीरपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) में बड़ा डाकघर

श्री म० ला० डिवेदी :
१९१६. { श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :
 { श्री स० चं० सामन्त :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कारण है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला हमीरपुर में अभी तक कोई भी हेड पोस्ट आफिस नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हमीरपुर की डाक हमीरपुर से गुजर कर पहले बांदा जाती है, जो कि हमीरपुर से ६०-६५ मील की दूरी पर है और फिर वहाँ से वितरण के लिये हमीरपुर वापस आती है और हेड पोस्ट आफिस से सम्बन्धित सभी कार्यों के लिये हमीरपुर जिले की जनता को बांदा जाना पड़ता है ;

(ग) क्या हमीरपुर में ही पोस्ट आफिस खोलने की मांग की गई है ; और

(घ) हमीरपुर में कब तक हेड पोस्ट आफिस खुल जाने की आशा है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) हमीरपुर के साथ जिन डाकघरों के लेखे रखने का प्रस्ताव है उनकी संख्या इतनी पर्याप्त नहीं होगी कि उसे प्रवान डाकघर में बदलना न्यायोचित हो सके।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) (क) में दिये गये उत्तर के आधार पर प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Assistance to Farmers

1917. { Shr.mati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 103 on the 9th November, 1962 and state the relief given to farmers to augment their resources for raising the coming crop?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): Besides, arranging supplies of improved seeds, fertilizers and manure, Delhi Administration advanced a sum of Rs. 50,000 to various cultivators for augmentation of irrigation resources. Further assistance by way of taccavi loan (for which a provision of Rs. 10 lakhs was made) was offered, but was refused by the people in view of the national emergency.

Procurement of Rice in Andhra Pradesh

1918. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are procuring rice in Andhra Pradesh during the current year;

(b) the details of the procurement plan; and

(c) in which other States rice procurement will be undertaken, the quantities that will be procured and the price fixed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to procure a quantity of 2.5 lacs tons of rice in Andhra Pradesh during the current year. The rice is being purchased on behalf of the Central Government by the State Government from millers/traders on a voluntary basis.

(c) The Government of India are already procuring rice in Madhya Pradesh. The State Governments of Madras and Punjab are procuring rice on behalf of the Government of India in their respective States. The Government of Uttar Pradesh are procuring rice in U.P. both on their own behalf and on behalf of the Government of India. The Governments of Assam, Mysore, Orissa and Jammu and Kashmir and the Tripura and Manipur Administrations are also procuring rice/paddy on their own behalf.

The prices at which rice is being purchased range between Rs. 34 83 and Rs. 75 69 per quintal for different varieties.

The quantities of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) expected to be procured in the current year in different States Administrations are indicated below:

(in '000 tons)

Name of the State/ Administration	Quantity expected to be pro- cured during the whole year.
1. Andhra Pradesh	250
2. Madras	100
3. Madhya Pradesh	100
4. Punjab	150
5. Uttar Pradesh	120
6. Assam	125
7. Jammu & Kashmir	27
8. Mysore	25
9. Manipur	1
10. Orissa	30
11. Tripura	5