

(d) The purpose of the field day was to give an opportunity to the farmers in Delhi villages as well as to agricultural experts an idea of the possibilities for increasing crop yields through the cultivation of the new varieties evolved at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

Godown at Cuttack

894. Shri Ramchandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by Government to construct 'godown' at Jaipur-Keonghat-Road in the District of Cuttack (Orissa) for storing foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount to be spent on this scheme; and

(d) when the work is likely to be started?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (d). Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the proposal of construction of warehouse at Jaipur Road in Cuttack district by the Central Warehousing Corporation. It is proposed to construct there a warehouse of 3000 tons, costing about Rs. 4.5 lakhs, for storage of foodgrains and other articles specified in Sec. 25(b) of the Agricultural Produce (Development & Warehousing) Corporation Act, 1956. The work is likely to be started in April, 1963.

Recruitment in Railways

895. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitments have been made during the past three years for filling up vacancies in Class IV, III and II employees in Bikaner Division of the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies so filled up in each category for the past three years;

(c) the number of applications received by the Railway administration from persons residing in Bikaner Division for such posts; and

(d) the number of posts given to persons residing in Bikaner Division?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, so far as vacancies in Class IV and III are concerned. Class II posts are filled by promotion from amongst class III staff and not by direct recruitment.

(b) Class III—117.

Class IV—1,628.

(c) Statistics are not maintained of applications received from particular places in respect of class III posts and the effort involved in compiling this information is not likely to be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved by this information. Number of applications received for recruitment to class IV on the Bikaner Division during the past three years was 12,708.

(d) Class IV...1,420.

(d) Class III—Information not readily available and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh

896. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of grants given to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for irrigation purposes under the Grow More Food Campaign during 1962-63?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Under the revised procedure for rendering financial assistance to State Governments, introduced from the year 1958-59, Central assistance admissible to various State Governments is sanctioned in bulk for schemes under the head 'Agricultural Production' which includes Minor Irrigation and Land Development. The State Governments also indicate only broad groups