

(c) Out of 920 Post offices proposed to be opened in Madhya Pradesh, 850 are likely to be opened in rural areas.

250 Telegraph offices, 55 Public Call offices and 69 Telephone exchanges are proposed to be established. A large number of them will be located in rural areas.

No target has been fixed for vesting Savings Bank powers to the Post Offices.

### गुड़ के उत्पादन पर प्रतिबन्ध

357. श्री देवराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने यह अनुरोध किया है कि गुड़ के उत्पादन पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिये जायें; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

### TRANSPORT OF FERTILISERS

358. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are facing shortage of rail wagons in transporting fertilisers to the different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to overcome this difficulty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to transporting fertilisers to different parts of the country. There is a combined quota of wagons for foodgrains and fertilisers. Due to short supply of covered wagons or due to priority movement of foodgrains, difficulties occasionally arise in getting ade-

quate wagons for the transport of fertilisers. Recently, the Railway Board have sanctioned increased wagon quota for foodgrains and fertilisers from different ports. Rail movement is also supplemented by road movement and movement by trawlers, where feasible. As a result, the movement of fertilisers from ports and factories is, at present, satisfactory.

### REPORTS OF AGRICULTURE PRICES COMMISSION

359. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how many reports submitted by the Agricultural Prices Commission have been published so far;

(b) the reasons for not publishing all of them; and

(c) whether the Government is willing to lay all of them on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Seven Reports of the Agricultural Prices Commission have been published so far.

(b) It has been decided to publish all the Reports submitted by the Commission along with Government's views thereon.

(c) The copies of the Reports will be placed in the Parliament Library as and when the decisions are taken and they are published.

### SUGAR PRODUCTION

360. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the position in regard to the production and availability of sugar in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and other cane-growing areas during the current season; and

(b) the steps taken to achieve expansion of cane production through intensive methods next year?