

tion is being taken up by the Central Government in the States of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of schemes taken up;

(c) the areas chosen for this purpose in the above named States; and

(d) the total amount to be spent or earmarked for this purpose?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The Central Government have an integrated scheme for running 14 Broodlac Farms in the States of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Besides, some of the State Governments are maintaining their own Broodlac Farms.

(b) There is one Central integrated Scheme.

(c) The areas are:

Name of the State	Districts
(1) Bihar	1. Palamau 2. Gaya 3. Hazari b
(2) Orissa	Mayurbhanj
(3) West Bengal	Purulia
(4) Madhya Pradesh	1. Bilaspur 2. Saldol 3. Raigarh 4. Hoshangabad 5. Raipur
(5) Maharashtra	Bhandara

(d) A sum of Rs. 3:38 lakhs has been earmarked for the running of 14 Broodlac Farms during the Third Five Year Plan. Besides, a financial outlay of Rs. 47.32 lakhs has been agreed to during the Third Five Year Plan for implementing the State Schemes for maintenance of Broodlac Farms. The latter are financed jointly by the Central Government and the State Governments concerned as Category 'B' Schemes.

Cold Storages

933. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether cold storages built by the Warehousing Corporation of India are also allowed to be used by the traders;

(b) whether there is any difference between the rates charged from the traders and the growers; and

(c) if not, the preferences given to the growers by the Warehousing Corporation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No cold storage is being run by the Central Warehousing Corporation at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Steel Coaches

934. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the steel-made Indian coaches for passengers are most uncomfortable during the summer season;

(b) whether any research is being carried out to make them less uncomfortable; and

(c) whether any progress has been made in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The temperature conditions inside the compartments of steelbody coaches are no less comfortable than old woodenbody coaches, as they are insulated and as tests have confirmed.

(b) Investigations are being carried out to search for indigenous coach insulating material to replace the one at present imported.

(c) Various indigenous materials are being tried out with a view to select a suitable alternative.