

Corporation of India is 102. On the basis of the provisional figures available for 1966-67 the annual maintenance expense for the year comes to about Rs. 5.69 lakhs.

(b) Cars	..	20
Jeeps	..	85
Other vehicles	..	108
Cost	..	Rs. 50.47 lakhs

**FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA,
NIZAMABAD**

423. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of paddy procured from the Rice Millers and others upto the end of December, 1967 during Kharif season of 1967 by the Food Corporation of India, Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh);

(b) the tests employed by the Food Corporation of India, Nizamabad for testing the quality of paddy and rice procured locally; and

(c) the extent to which the price of paddy was reduced on the results of tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Food Corporation of India and will be laid on the table of the House.

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

424. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of business transacted by the Branch Office of the Food Corporation of India, Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh) in various commodities since its inception upto the end of 31st March, 1967;

(b) the price paid by it for purchasing paddy in the area during the last 3 years ending the 31st March, 1967;

(c) the difference in the paddy procurement price and the price at which the rice was supplied to the rationing and fair price shops in Hyderabad and elsewhere; and

(d) the reasons for the disparity in price of rice supplied by the Food Corporation of India and Co-operative agencies in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the Food Corporation of India and will be laid on the table of the House.

**EXPLORATORY TUBE-WELLS IN
ANDHRA PRADESH**

425. SHRI D. B. RAJU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the Exploratory Tube-wells organisation in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation proposes to resume groundwater exploration work in the State during 1968-69. It is proposed to drill 18 exploratory and 5 observation bores during 1968-69. Earlier, the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation has drilled 15 exploratory bores (8 in East Godavari, 4 in West Godavari and 3 in Krishna districts) of which 11 had proved successful and an area of approximately 700