

ting terms and conditions of service of direct recruits in the Food Corporation of India are governed by the draft staff regulations framed by the Corporation. The transferees of the Food Department, pending their final absorption in the service of the Corporation, are treated as on foreign service and their service conditions are regulated according to the foreign service terms prescribed by the Central Government except that these transferees are not given deputation allowance.

(b) A statement showing the number of officers and staff category-wise working in the Corporation and the sources from which they have been drawn is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-193/68]. Their terms of service are decided in consultation with their respective parent departments.

Haryana's Offer for Supply of Wheat

1574. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haryana Government has offered the Central Government 40,000 tonnes of wheat to be purchased from that State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). The offer from the Government of Haryana was of 49,000 tonnes of wheat which has been accepted and allocated to deficit States.

Sugar Production

1575. SHRI MOHSIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar production has increased since the policy of partial decontrol was enforced; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). The policy of partial decontrol has helped in increasing supplies of sugarcane to the sugar mills with the result that the production of sugar upto 15th February, 1968 during the current season is 15.62 lakh tonnes as compared to 15.42 lakh tonnes upto the corresponding date last year. Production would have been much lower if this policy would not have been adopted.

Sugar Production

1576. SHRI MOHSIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sugar production in the country at present; and

(b) the total requirement of sugar for consumption in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) 15.62 lakh tonnes during the season 1967-68 upto 15th February, 1968.

(b) The internal consumption of sugar during 1967-68 (November, 1967—October, 1968) is estimated at 20.7 lakh tonnes at the present level of release.

Supply of Free Postage Stamps to Members of Parliament

1577. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration to provide free postage stamps to Members of Parliament for their public work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?