

imum Wages Advisory Board held recently in Delhi; and

(b) the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI):

(a) and (b). Copies of the Agenda for the Seventh Meeting of the Minimum Wages (Central) Advisory Board held at New Delhi on the 26th December 1967 and the Conclusions arrived at therein are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-264/68].

DISCONTENT AMONG D.M.S. WORKERS

2208. SHRI M. L. SONDDHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is much discontentment among the workers of the Delhi Milk Scheme due to non-provision of Rest Rooms, Lunch rooms, Lighting, drinking water, latrine and urinals for them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have not been provided with woollen clothes, leather gloves and special allowance when they work under extreme chilly conditions; and

(c) if the replies to parts (a) and (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to provide these facilities in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No Sir, Three Rest Rooms have been provided for different categories of workers. A departmental canteen has been provided for meals for workers. Adequate arrangements also exist regarding lighting, drinking water, latrine and Urinals for the workers.

(b) All workers are getting uniforms regularly at the scales prescribed for them. Special woollen uniforms are allowed to workers who are required to work in the Cold Store, where the tem-

perature is low, besides a special allowance of Rs. 10 p.m.

(c) Does not arise?

DELHI MILK SCHEME

2209. SHRI M. L. SONDDHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the present strength of the workers in D.M.S and how many of them are permanent; and

(b) when Government propose to confirm the remaining temporary staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The present strength of employees is 2140. Out of this 943 posts are permanent. So far 528 employees have been made permanent.

(b) Action to confirm eligible employees against the remaining permanent posts is in progress. Every effort is being made to finalise the confirmation cases at the earliest.

SUPPLY OF PUNJAB WHEAT IN DELHI

2210. SHRI M. L. SONDDHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the people in Delhi have a preference for Punjab wheat to any other quality; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to supply only Punjab wheat in ration in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) People in Delhi generally prefer indigenous wheat to imported wheat.

(b) Purchase of indigenous wheat is now allowed freely in the open market. Punjab wheat is also being issued through the ration shops.