

P & T Building at Jatni (Orissa)

894. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to undertake the construction of the P. & T. building at Jatni under Puri Division in Orissa; and

(b) if so, when the construction is going to start there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) The construction work commenced in June, 1968.

Unemployed Persons in Orissa

895. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed persons belonging to the different categories and educational qualifications registered in the Employment Exchanges in Orissa State up-to-date; and

(b) what was their number last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI S. C. JAMIR): (a) and (b). Information is given in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [*Place in Library. See No. LT-1443/68.*]

Procurement of Foodgrains in Orissa

896. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total procurement of foodgrains by the Orissa Government

through the Food Corporation of India in the State in 1967-68 crop year so far?

(b) what is the quantity of foodgrains exported from Orissa including paddy seeds up-to-date;

(c) whether the stocks of foodgrains now with the State Government are adequate to meet the internal needs till the next harvesting season;

(d) whether the Central Government have received any request from the State Government with regard to the additional requirement of wheat and rice in the State; and

(e) 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). The quantities of rice and paddy in terms of rice, procured in Orissa by the Food Corporation of India during 1967-68 crop year up to 18-7-1968 and the quantities exported from Orissa during the same period are as follows:—

	(in '000 tonnes)
Procured	161
Exported	69

(c) The Orissa Government have intimated that the present rice and paddy stocks with the State Government are adequate to meet internal needs till next harvesting season. Their wheat requirements will have to be met by further supplies from the Centre.

(d) and (e). Orissa Government had asked in May, 1968 for an *ad hoc* supply of 25,000 tonnes wheat during a period of 4 months ending September, 1968 for the drought affected areas. Their demands for wheat are being fully met.