

(c) that they were auctioned during November, 1968 when the Department did not collect it even after 2 years and several reminders ; and

(d) reasons for this neglect and a statement of all such auctions of property belonging to the P. & T. Department all over India for the year 1968-69 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

**Post Offices in District Deoria and Ballia housed in rented buildings**

1969. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices at present in the Districts of Deoria and Ballia of Uttar Pradesh which have been housed in rented buildings for want of Government buildings ; and

(b) the amount Government spent annually towards rent on them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) :

(a) 33 post offices in Deoria District, 35 post offices at Ballia District.

(Extra-departmental Post Offices where the Postmaster himself is expected to provide the accommodations have been excluded).

(b) Annual rent of Rs. 15,000/- in respect of post offices in Deoria and Annual rent of Rs. 15,586/- in respect of post offices in Ballia District.

**Estimates of Winter Crops**

1970. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the over-all estimate of Winter Crops in the country ;

(b) the areas where these crops have completely or partially failed State-wise , and

(c) the areas where scarcity conditions are already prevailing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Firm estimates of production of Winter Crops would become available only after the close of the agricultural year, i.e., some time in July-August, 1969.

(b) Complete details of the areas where these crops have failed wholly or partially are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha after these are collected.

(c) Attention is invited to the statement regarding drought conditions prevailing in parts of the country laid on the Table of the Sabha on 26th February, 1969.

**Supply of Fertilisers to U.P.**

1971. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of fertilizers made available to Uttar Pradesh during 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 so far ;

(b) the price at which it was made available to the state and the price at which it was supplied to the farmers ;

(c) whether the dealing co-operative agencies for fertilisers did not make repayments to the suppliers ; and

(d) if not, what is the position in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The following kinds of fertilisers have been supplied from the Central Fertilizers Pool to U.P. during 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69,