

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the People of Vasudeopur/Chandel in the Muzaffarpur District of Bihar for the opening of a Telephone-Cum-Telegraph Office ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

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

(b) A Public Call Office has been sanctioned and stores are being arranged. It will be opened on receipt of stores. Telegraph facilities will also be provided at Vasudeopur/Chandel as soon as the P. C. O. line is opened for service.

#### Sugar Supply To West Bengal

7536. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent to which the actual demands of West Bengal for sugar were met by the Central Government in the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : During the years 1966 and 1967 (upto 23rd November, 1967) there was complete control over price and distribution of sugar. The available quantity of sugar was distributed to the States on the established basis. In 1967-68 the policy of partial decontrol was enforced. Only 60 per cent of the production of sugar in the factories was requisitioned as levy and distributed in monthly quotas to the States including West Bengal.

The following quantities of sugar have been allotted to west Bengal during the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 :—

1966	.....	3,11,207 tonnes.
1967	.....	2,27,064 tonnes.
1968	.....	1,39,434 tonnes.

#### Farmer's Training And Education Programme In West Bengal

7537. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of places in West Bengal where the farmers' training and education programme has been launched to impart the latest knowledge in Scientific Agriculture to the farmers ; and

(b) the number of farmers covered in West Bengal and trained so far and the period during which they were trained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Under the Farmers Training and Education Programme, two Farmers Training Centres have been set up in West Bengal. These are located at the Block Seed Farm, Bolpur (District Birbhum) and the District Seed Farm, Burdwan.

(b) The Centres have been established only recently. As such, information on the number of farmers trained under the programme is not yet available.

#### Wholesale Price Of Rice In Gujarat

7538. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the wholesale price of rice was very high in the years 1967 in 1968 in Gujarat in comparison with the other mixed cereal consuming areas in the country ; 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) In 1967 wholesale price of rice in Gujarat were higher than those in Mysore and Uttar Pradesh but lower than those in Bihar. However, in 1968, rice prices in Gujarat were higher than those in all these States.

(b) A statement is attached.

#### STATEMENT

Extent to which annual average wholesale prices of coarse rice in Gujarat State were higher or lower than those in other mixed cereal consuming States during 1967 and 1968.

(Rs. per quintal)

State	1967	1968
Mysore	(+)57.54	(+)13.13
Uttar Pradesh	(+)11.48	(+)22.26
Bihar	(-) 3.78	(+) 8.03
Madhya Pradesh	—	(+)40.07
Haryana	—	(+)48.83

#### Price Of Imported Wheat

7539. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that after raising the price of imported white wheat and red wheat by Government, white wheat has become unpopular and is accumulating in State Godowns ;

(b) whether there is any proposal from the State Governments to reduce the price ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, sir. The stocks of white wheat got accumulated in State Godowns on account of its low offtake.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some State Governments suggested reduction in the issue price of this wheat.

(c) The issue price of white wheat from Central stocks was reduced from Rs. 90.00 to Rs. 85.00 w.e.f. 16.12.1968. The issue price of this wheat as also of other varieties of wheat have now been fixed at one price of Rs. 78.00 per quintal w.e.f. 4.5.1969

#### मथुरा में आकाशवाणी के कर्मचारी

7540. श्री शिवचरण लाल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी केन्द्र, मथुरा के कर्मचारियों में ब्रज के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों का कोई भी व्यक्ति नहीं है तथा नगरीय क्षेत्रों के लोगों को ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लोगों का अभिनय करना पड़ता है;

(ख) क्या आकाशवाणी के मथुरा केन्द्र में कोई निर्माता है जिसको ब्रज भाषा का पूर्ण ज्ञान है तथा यदि नहीं, तो किस तिथि तक यह निर्माता नियुक्त कर दिया जायेगा;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि आकाशवाणी के मथुरा केन्द्र में केवल वाद्य यंत्र बजाने वाले हैं और कोई संगीत निदेशक नहीं है जो उनसे काम ले सके; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो संगीत निदेशक के किस तिथि से नियुक्त किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मन्त्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) : (क) जी, हाँ। परन्तु केन्द्र द्वारा रखी गई सूची में जो व्यक्ति हैं वे इन रोलों के करने में उपयुक्त हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं। मथुरा केन्द्र से प्रसारित होने वाले वर्तमान कार्यक्रमों के लिए प्रोड्यूसर की सेवाओं की आवश्यकता नहीं है और निकट भविष्य में प्रोड्यूसर नियुक्त करने का कोई विचार नहीं है। दिल्ली और मथुरा केन्द्रों के ब्रज भाषा कार्यक्रम एकसे होने के कारण दिल्ली केन्द्र के ब्रज कार्यक्रमों के प्रोड्यूसर समय-समय पर मथुरा का दौरा करते हैं।

(ग) और (घ). मथुरा केन्द्र के कर्मचारियों में कोई संगीत कम्पोजर नहीं है और क्योंकि वहाँ से मूल रूप से प्रसारित होने वाले संगीत कार्यक्रमों की संख्या सीमित है, अतः कम्पोजर की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है।