

Acquisition of Godowns by Central Warehousing Corporation

665. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Warehousing Corporation Ltd. has been delaying acquisition by it of godowns for general warehousing in Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are also hiring two godowns at present in that city; and

(c) if so, the names of the owners/tenants (if sub-let) from whom these godowns have been hired and the location, rent, deposit, advance etc. paid by the Corporation/Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Central Warehousing Corporation have not so far been successful in purchasing, constructing or hiring godowns in Bombay in spite of their best efforts. It may be pointed out that the Central Warehousing Corporation is not a limited concern but has been set up under the Warehousing Corporation Act, 1962.

(c) The Corporation are operating three warehouses in godowns placed at their disposal by the Government of Maharashtra and for which the Central Warehousing Corporation are not paying any rent. The State Government have hired these godowns from the Food Corporation of India and the Bombay Port Trust for storage of their rationing stocks.

Working of Chowk Bazar Post Office at Bhopal

666. SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that there are only

three clerks along with a postmaster in Post Office of Chowk Bazar at Bhopal;

(b) whether it is fact that there are no benches for visitors to sit;

(c) whether it is also a fact that people have to stand in long 'Q' to get their jobs done and situation becomes worse when one of the clerks is on leave; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to help the public ?

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

(b) No. One bench has been supplied.

(c) and (d). No. Chowk Bazar Post Office is situated in the Bazar area of Bhopal and at times there is queue at the counters of the post office. The statistics examined for the last two occasions indicate that the work at the post office is just enough for four hands. At times when one of the clerks is on leave and immediate replacement is not feasible, the work is managed by the remaining three hands.

Building for Post Office in Ahiri (Maharashtra)

667. SHRI K. M. Koushik : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3950 on the 14th March, 1968 regarding Post Office building in Ahiri (Maharashtra) and state:

(a) whether the work of repair has been undertaken by now; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Repairs were completed on 8/2/1969.

(b) Does not arise.