

ness of this machine is still to be evaluated. According to the preliminary observations made, this drier has the advantage of mobility from one place to another. Its performance as compared to other driers could be known only after it has been thoroughly tested.

**Frustration among scientist of Indian Agricultural Research Institute**

4180. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact there is a great frustration among the scientists working in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute on account of the prevalent working conditions there ;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied or propose to study the problem ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A section of scientists working in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute recently held a meeting in the Auditorium of the Institute under the aegis of the Scientific Workers' Association of India and discussed certain alleged grievances concerning the working of the Council and the Institute which were, however, not officially communicated either to the Council or to the Government. The matter was reported in the Press only and the Council obtained a report from the Director, I. A. R. I., which confirmed the fact that such a meeting had been held

(b) and (c). The fact that there has been some frustration among the Agricultural Scientists has been known to the Government for quite some time. Various steps have already been taken by the Government in order to improve the morale of the Agricultural Scientists in the country. Some of the steps taken in this regard are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—4076/70*]

**Purchase of Rain Damaged Wheat in Punjab and Haryana**

4181. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have purchased the rain damaged wheat in Punjab and Haryana recently ;

(b) if so, the quantity of such wheat purchased so far in both the States ; and

(c) in what way Government propose to utilise this wheat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1,12,507 tonnes in Punjab and 48,301 tonnes in Haryana upto 18-8-1970.

(c) This wheat is being issued to the Roller Flour Mills along with sound wheat.

**Compensation to P&T Employees of Gujarat Circle for Working on 1st October, 1969 which was a Paid Holiday**

4182. SHRI D. R. PARMAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 1st October, 1969 was declared as paid holiday for Administrative offices in P&T department on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi Centenary ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Post Master General, Ahmedabad ignored those orders and kept open all Administrative offices in Gujarat Circle ;

(c) if so, the reasons for ignoring the orders ;

(d) whether the Postal Inspectors Association represented to compensate their members for work done on the 1st October, 1969 ; and

(e) if so, whether the staff on duty on the 1st October, 1969 was compensated or not and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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