

Not all grain that is affected by rain becomes unfit for human consumption. A good percentage of affected grain is salvaged as fit for human consumption.

(b) As per preliminary enquiries made from the Food Corporation of India, out of 9916 rain soaked bags of wheat (or roughly 991 tonnes valued at Rs. 14,37,820/- calculated on the basis of issue price of Rs. 145/- per quintal) received at Chakradharpur on 31-7-1981, after segregation only 392 bags (or roughly 39 tonnes valued at Rs. 56,840/-) were ultimately found damaged and unfit for human consumption. Actual loss may be even less than this after the damaged grain is disposed of and sale proceeds of the same are taken into account. Actual amount of loss in regard to other places would be known only after the salvaging operations are completed and the damaged grain is disposed of.

(c) and (d). The endeavour of the Government/Food Corporation of India is to load foodgrains in covered wagons only as far as possible. However, to the extent the supply of covered wagons falls short of the requirements, open wagons are also used for loading foodgrains (mainly wheat) to maintain the movement at the required level and to reach the foodgrains to the needy areas in time. The loading of open wagons is, however, kept to the minimum possible extent. During the months of June to August, 1981, out of total loading of 110927 BG wagons from the Northern Railway, the number of open wagons loaded was only 11095 (around 10% of the total loading).

Allotment Year for Government Accommodation

*325. SHRI NIHAL SINGH :
SHRI RAM SINGH
SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allotment year for Government accommodation to their employees ended on the 31st December, 1980; and

(b) the time by which new allotment forms are likely to be sent ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) :

(a) The current allotment year which was to conclude on 31-12-80 has been extended upto 31-12-81.

(b) Fresh application forms for allotment of Government residences will be called as and when the new allotment year is declared.

Import of Edible Oil

*326. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state how many types of edible oils are imported and how many edible oils are given Vanaspati Industry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : There are six types of edible oils which are generally imported on Government account through State Trading Corporation of India. Of these, mainly two types of edible oils viz., Crude Soyabean Oil and Neutralised Palm Oil are supplied these days to the Vanaspati Industry, though at times certain quantities of Crude Rapeseed Oil or Crude Palm Oil have also been allocated.

Demand and Availability of Sugar

*114. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) total demand for sugar during the current year ;