

Foodgrain missing from godowns of F.C.I. in Ferozepur and Faridkot

*736. SHRI LALJI BHAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently hundreds of bags of foodgrains were stolen from the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Ferozepur and Faridkot Districts;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE). (a) and (b). Yes, Sir About 848 bags of foodgrains comprising 836 bags of wheat and 12 bags of paddy were recently stolen from the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Ferozepur and Faridkot Districts.

(c) Investigations of these cases by the police have not yet been completed. However, in some cases, where *prima-facie* it was found that some officials were directly or indirectly involved, they have been placed under suspension pending further action against them.

Delay in Farm Scheme

*737. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Ministry delays Farm Schemes" published in the *Motherland* dated 31st January, 1973; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government do not subscribe to the views expressed in the news item.

Four day convention organised by Indian Society for Technical Education

738. SHRI R. V SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four day convention organised by the Indian Society for Technical Education in Bombay has suggested Post-Graduate study in Engineering;

(b) if so, the other recommendations made at the convention; and

(c) whether Government have examined the suggestions and recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN); (a) and (b) The recommendations made by the Convention have not so far been received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medical facilities to C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

*739. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to extend the Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medical facilities to all the Central Government Health Scheme Dispensaries; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?