*3. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any new Central Schools are being opened in Orissa in 1975-76; and
 - (b) if so, where?

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUES-TIONS

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (Shri D. P. YADAV): (a) There is no proposal at present under the consideration of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to open a new Central School in Orissa in 1975-76.

(b) Does not arise.

Water Rate structure

•4. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to rationalise the water-rate structure for various crops in different parts of the country with a view to check the growth of emerging class of Water-lords'; and
- (b) if so, immediate and long-term steps proposed in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) and (b). Irrigation is a State subject and water rates, therefore, are determined by State Governments.

The water rates vary from State to State and are generally not adequate to meet the operational expenses and interest charges. The State Governments have. therefore, been urged from time to time for upward revision of water rates.

More Foodgrains Quota for States

•5. SHRI M, RAM GOPAL REDDY: SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of States have approached the Centre for the enhancement of foodgrains quota to States owing to drought conditions in those States; and
- (b) if so, the names of those States and decision of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE); (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Requests are received from time to time from the State Governments for increasing supply of foodgrains from the Central Stocks. Allotments from the Central Pool are made every month to the various State Governments! Administrations keeping in view the stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool, the relative needs of the States and other relevant factors.

2. Requests for enhanced allocations in view of the drought conditions have been received from the Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh. Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal. In the case of all these States, enhanced allotments have been given for the month of November, 1974. In the case