

(b). A special of 51 wagons was loaded at Amritsar/Bhagatnala for Sahibganj and Bhagalpur. Due to operational difficulties beyond Moghalsarai this special was diverted to Wadala (BPT Railway). These wagons were placed at the Food Corporation of India depot at Wadala on 19-6-1971 and were unloaded on 19/20-6-1971. The damage to the wheat bags was negligible.

(c). Because of inadequate availability of covered wagons, loading of wheat in open wagons to some extent becomes incapable as it is necessary to maximise the movement of procured stocks. However, when loading is done in open wagons special measures like covering the bags of grains with tarpaulins, provision of escorts etc., are taken to prevent damage to foodgrains.

**Damage of Wheat in Haryana due to Non-Availability of Transport Facilities**

\*1168. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :  
SHRI N. N. PANDE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Press news to the effect that about four lakh tonnes of wheat, out of nearly seven lakh tonnes procured so far, in Haryana is lying in the open exposed to the vagaries of the weather;

(b) whether the Centre was acquainted with the situation and was also requested to move out these stocks to avoid damage;

(c) whether the Railway authorities had asked the Haryana authorities first to move these stocks to the Jagadhri section from where the railway could export them to the recipient States;

(d) whether this would involve unnecessarily big expenditure and entail avoidable delay and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto and the measures adopted to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) A quantity of 6,92,324 tonnes wheat has been procured in Haryana upto 5-7-1971, out of which a quantity of about 2,47,000 tonnes is stored in the open. All necessary precautions have been taken by the State Government and the Food Corporation to ensure that the stocks stored temporarily in the open are properly covered to avoid damage to them.

(b) The Central Government is aware of the situation. The Food Corporation and the Railway in consultation with the Government of Haryana are making efforts to move out such stocks as are stored in the open.

(c) and (d). During the peak procurement season massive movement has to be arranged for and this can be done only by running specials from stations where facilities exist to load these specials. Suitable stations were selected in consultation with Northern Railway, Haryana Government and the Food Corporation of India. Jagadhri is one of the 32 stations agreed to for loading of specials. Only grain lying within reasonable distance of Jagadhri station is expected to be moved there for loading into the specials and not all the grain lying in the open in Haryana. It is no doubt true that in moving the wheat to one particular station some additional expenditure on road transport will be incurred. But this has got to be weighed against the speedier movement ensured by loading of specials which is possible only at selected stations. Delay in movement is avoided by the loading of specials and in the interest of quicker

movement<sup>254</sup> it is considered that some additional expenditure on road movement to the selected stations is worthwhile.

(e) Does not arise.

**Resentment by States for Assigning  
Agricultural Research Work to  
Agricultural Universities**

\*1169. SHRI A. N. CHAWLA :  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state .

(a) whether certain State Governments  
have resented to assigning the work of  
agricultural reasearch to Agricultural  
Universities;

(b) whether this move of the State  
Governments has resulted in the wastage  
of funds and man-power;

(c) if so, the State Governments which  
have resented this proposal; and

(d) the specific steps Government  
propose to take in this direction so that  
the work of agricultural research could be  
done smoothly and for mass benefit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c).  
The Agricultural Universities should  
normally have state-wide responsibility of  
agricultural teaching, research and exten-  
sion education. Certain State Govern-  
ments have not, however, transferred the  
whole of agricultural research to the Agri-  
cultural Universities, although there is a  
definite provision in the University Act to  
this effect. In some cases, where phased  
transfer has been agreed to, the process has  
been rather long drawn. The Indian Coun-  
cil of Agricultural Research, therefore,  
has been urging these States to expedite the  
transfer which in some cases has been re-

sented to. Wherever state-wide research  
has not been transferred to the Agricultural  
Universities, there has been wasteful dupli-  
cation and lack of coordination between the  
work of the University and the State De-  
partments concerned. This duplication is  
resulting in certain wastage of funds and is  
not conducive to the efficient utilisation of  
trained man-power available in the State  
as a whole.

The Acts of Assam Agricultural Uni-  
versity and Orissa University of Agricul-  
ture & Technology have provisions for tran-  
sfer of State-wide research to the Agricul-  
tural Universities. The State of Rajasthan  
have also agreed to transfer of State-wide  
agricultural research to the University of  
Udaipur in a phased manner. The process  
of transfer has not been completed al-  
though the last two Agricultural Univer-  
sities have been in existence for the last  
eight years.

(d). The Indian Council of Agricultural  
Research would continue to pursue this  
matter with the State Governments for  
speedy implementation of the relevant  
provisions of the University Acts. The  
I.C.A.R. would also continue to give  
preference to Agricultural Universities over  
Departments of Agriculture and Animal  
Husbandry for the location of the centres  
of All-India Coordinated Research Pro-  
jects provided they fulfil all other eligibility  
requirements. Likewise, I.C.A.R. will con-  
tinue to offer necessary incentives through  
grant-in-aids to the States for the develop-  
ment of Agricultural Universities to expedite  
the transfer. If these do not have their  
desired effect, Government would con-  
sider what further measures will be neces-  
sary in order to smoothen matters and  
get maximum benefits out of the resour-  
ces invested without wasteful duplication.

**Casualties in Rourkela Steel Plant**

\*1170. SHRI R. V. BADE :  
DR. LAXMINARAIN PANDE :  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND