

Construction of a new Building for the forms unit of the Government of India Press at Howrah

122. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present building housing the Forms Unit of the Government of India Press at Santragachi, Howrah, West Bengal, is unfit and unsafe for use; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to construct a new building for the Forms Unit?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Forms Unit of the Government of India Press, Santragachi is one of the Presses which Government had decided to close. However, the decision of the Government is presently under review. Decision of construction of a new building for the Press will depend on the final decision which may be taken regarding closure of this Press after the review.

Cadre review of Staff of C.P.W.D.

123. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cadre review in respect of Group 'C*' and 'D' staff of C.P.W.D. has since been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Cadre Review Committees have since submitted their reports to Government.

Economic viability of fruit and vegetables project of NDDB

124. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDDB has been marketing fruits and vegetables in

Delhi and if so, investments made so far indicating the turnover, the profit/ loss yearwise during the last three years;

(b) what have been the purchases and payments made to middlemen in Delhi and in rural areas and to actual farmers and to any cooperative producer societies during the above period;

(c) whether Government are aware that extension of this project in 10 other cities would help only the affluent sections and middlemen and the French firm supplying Refrigeration equipment for Delhi scheme and not the farmers; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an independent CAG audit of fruits and vegetable project, Delhi before it is extended to other cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The investment made in marketing of fruits and vegetables by NDDB in their fruit and vegetable project till March, 1990 is about Rs. 33.5 crore. Turnover and profit & loss of the project year-wise during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Turnover		Loss/Profit	
	(in Crores)		(in Lakhs.)	
87-88	Rs. 5.3	Rs.	11.94	loss.
88-89	Rs. 12.7	Rs.	58.78	Profit.
89-90	Rs. 17.2	Rs.	161.50	Profit.

(b) The quantity of purchases made under this project through farmers' village collection centres, cooperative societies/state horticulture Corporations and approved markets set up by Agriculture Produce Market Committee during the above period is around 93,000 MTs and payments made is Rs. 22 crore.