

(SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a)

No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

FCI Godowns in Rajasthan

402. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has a proposal to set up more godowns in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the number of godowns proposed to be constructed in Rajasthan, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India is at present constructing additional storage capacity of 57,910 tonnes in Rajasthan at the following seven centres: —

Sl. No.	Centre	District	Capacity (in tonnes)
1	Sawafmadhopur	Sawafmadhopur	30,000
2	Baran	Kota	2,500
3	Hanumangarh	Sriganganagar	5,000
4	Srivijaynagar	Sriganganagar	3,740
5	Keshore Patan	Bundi	6,670
6	Chandaria	Chittorgarh	5,000
7	Banner	Jodhpur	5,000
			57,910

The Corporation has no proposal at present to take up construction of further storage capacity in Rajasthan.

Soft Loan and Grants to Rajasthan for opening of Fair Price Shops

403. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to Rajasthan soft loan and other grants to open Fair Price Shops for distribution of essential commodities during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of soft loan and other grants to Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The primary responsibility for strengthening the Public Distribution System including opening of Fair Price Shops is that of the State Government. The Central Government, however, has a scheme for providing assistance to States/UTs for purchase of vans to be operated as Mobile fair price shops to cater to the needs of rural, remote, inaccessible, tribal and desert areas.

An amount of Rs. 56 lakhs has been sanctioned to Rajasthan under the above scheme during 1985-86 to 1987-88 for the purchase of 24 vans. In addition financial assistance of Rs. 7.46 lakhs was also provided to the State during 1985-86 to 1987-88 under the lists is brought before Parliament.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Consumers Cooperatives in the urban and rural areas.

Implementation of World Food Programme in Rajasthan

404. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programme implemented or proposed to be implemented in the tribal areas of Rajasthan under the World Food Programme; and

(b) the number of tribals given employment so far under the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) There are four projects implemented under the World Food Programme in Rajasthan: _____

(i) Project 2206 Exp. IV—Supplementary Nutrition Programme for pre-school children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

(ii) Project 2600—Food Assistance for new settlers in Rajasthan Nahar Project area.

(iii) Project 259 Exp. III—Food assistance to labour working in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

(iv) Project 2773—Employment through forestry activities in Rajasthan.

These projects are not limited to only tribal areas in the State. The first two projects listed above are not employment oriented projects. As regards the third project the work force is coming from the adjoining districts of Jodhpur, Banner, Nagaiur, etc. and is composed almost entirely of non-tribals.

The fourth project, namely, "Employment through forestry activities in Rajasthan", however, predominantly serves tribal areas. Under this project WFP will supply over a period of five years 34,332 MT of wheat, 3,433 MT of vegetable oil and 3,433 MT of pulses in the seven districts—Banswara, Bhilwara, Chittor-garh, Dungarpur, Kota, Sirohi and Udaipur. WFP food rations are supplied for 200 days in a year for forestry workers engaged on forestry works. The daily average number of workers in the project are 25200. It is expected that when the project is fully operational, 1771*66 families will benefit from WFP food rations. Since the districts covered under WFP project are mostly inhabited by tribals, it is expected that about 80—90 per cent of the beneficiaries will be of tribal origin.

Financial Assistance for Welfare Schemes in Rajasthan for the aged persons

405. SHRI. SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is being given to voluntary organisations in Rajasthan for welfare schemes for the aged persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; an*

(c) the details of new schemes, if any, proposed to be introduced for the welfare of the aged persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATIARAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) At present there is no proposal to introduce any new scheme for the welfare of the aged.