

(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 Rajas-
than, 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 addi-
tional storage capacity of 57,910 ton-
nes in Rajasthan at the following
seven centres:—

Sl. No.	Centre	District	Capacity (in tonnes)
1	Sawaimadhopur	Sawaimadhopur	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	Barmer	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 responsi-
bility for strengthening the Public Dis-
tribution System including opening of
Fair Price Shops is that of the State
Government. The Central Govern-
ment, however, has a scheme for pro-
viding assistance to States/UTs for
purchase of vans to be operated as
Mobile fair price shops to cater to the
needs of rural, remote, inaccessi-
ble, tribal and desert areas.

An amount of Rs. 58 lakhs has been
sanctioned to Rajasthan under the
above scheme during 1985-86 to 1987-
88 for the purchase of 24 vans. In ad-
dition financial assistance of Rs. 7.46
lakhs was also provided to the State
during 1985-86 to 1987-88 under the

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, Barmer, Nagaur, 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, Chittorgarh, 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, 17,166 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; and

(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 (SHRI-MATI SUMATI RAON): (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.