

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) The UNICEF has not made any such assessment. However, according to a recent estimate by the Food and Agriculture Organisation about 200 million people in India are malnourished. This estimate has been quoted by UNICEF in one of their recent publication. The veracity or otherwise of this estimation cannot be certified. In order to prevent the mal-nutrition cases, several steps are being taken by the Government. To prevent nutritional anemia among women and children, a prophylaxis scheme since the 4th Five Year Plan has been implemented under which tablets of iron and folic acids have been recommended as daily dietary requirement are given daily to pregnant and nursing mothers, accepters of FP methods and children between one year to 12 years. To prevent the cases of blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency, high potency Vitamin 'A' is given to pre-school children orally every six months till the child crosses 5 years of age. Besides education of people about benefit of food rich in Iron and Vitamin 'A' and daily diet is provided through multi media channels as well as through inter personal communication by doctors and other categories of health workers.

.. Corridor Railway for Bombay ..

2584. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the present position in regard to the proposal for providing Six-corridor railway line for Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY): The Sixth Corridor consists of the following three legs:

- (i) Fort Market—Ravli Jn.
.. 10.66 kms.
- (ii) Bandra—Goregaon
.. 12.24 kms.
- (iii) Kurla—Bhandup
.. 11.17 kms.

The construction of a fly-over at Bandra has been completed and commissioned

to traffic. Work on the construction of additional pair of lines from Bandra to Andheri, a length of 5.66 kms., which forms a part of Bandra—Goregaon section, has been sanctioned and is in progress.

Capacity of F. C. I. godowns in U.P.

2585. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six lakh tonnes of foodgrains to be stored by the Food Corporation of India under polythene covers on Public Works Department roads, mandi yards etc., in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the capacity of godowns with Food Corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh and the extent to which it is short of requirements; and

(d) what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI S. M. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) The food-grain stock kept by the Food Corporation of India in the open under polythene covers in Uttar Pradesh was 5.09 lakh tonnes as on 30-6-1984. This stock is held mainly in Bareilly, Agra, Moradabad, Haldwani, Lucknow and Faizabad districts. Adequate precautions have been taken to protect these stocks against losses.

(c) The covered storage capacity with the Food Corporation of India for storage of foodgrains in Uttar Pradesh as on 30-6-1984 was 28.55 lakh tonnes. This capacity fell short of the requirement by about five lakh tonnes.

(d) It is proposed to construct a capacity of 3.69 lakh tonnes for storage of foodgrains in Uttar Pradesh by June 1985. The Corporation would also make efforts to hire additional storage capacity from Central Warehousing Corporation, State