

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) A statement indicating the quantity and value of foodgrains contracted for import in 1982-83 and in 1983-84 (till date) is attached.

(b) As on 1-10-1983, the Food Corporation of India held in their godowns about 81.04 lakh tonnes of wheat, 15.08 lakh tonnes of rice and 1.40 lakh tonnes of paddy valued at Rs. 1547.40 crores, Rs. 322.96 crores and Rs. 20.61 crores respectively.

(c) Steps are being taken to increase production of foodgrains in the country.

Statement

Quantity and value of wheat and rice imported during 1982-83 and 1983-84.

Year	Commodity	Quantity purchased (Lakh tonnes)	Estimated Value (FOB)
1982-83	Wheat	39.50 (From USA)	US \$ 654.778Million
	Rice	Nil	Nil
1983-84	Wheat	9.80 (From USA)	US \$ 154.814Million
(Till Date)		5.00 (From Canada)	US \$ 80.246Million
		6.50 (From Argentina)	US \$ 97.750Million
	Rice	1.70 (From Thailand)	US \$ 38.25Million
		2.00 (From Burma)	US \$ 39.625Million

Introduction of bottom discharge wagon system

1899. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce "bottom discharge" wagon system for transporting coal to all the new projects in the power, steel and coal sectors;

(b) if so, by when this new system is expected to be introduced; and

(c) what is the extent of benefit likely to be accrued on introduction of this new system?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c) A detailed project report for the design of an

optimum self discharge hopper wagon including bottom discharge design, for Indian Railways is under preparation by RDSO and a final decision will be taken on receipt of the repo

Track electrification in S.E. Railways

1900. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target for track electrification by Railways during the Sixth Plan, zone-wise;

(b) the progress made so far in different zones;

(c) how many kilometres in South Eastern Railways in different divisions remains to be electrified; and

(d) what specific progress has been made in the South Eastern Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN)

CHAUDHURY): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

Particular	Route Kms. on Zonal Railways, to be electrified							Total Kms. to be electrified on Indian Railways
	Central	East-ern	North-ern	South-ern	South Central	South East-ern	West-ern	
1. Target during the VI Plan	393	64	50	324	298	541	496	2166
2. Progress made so far (Route-Kms energised)	39	..	50	123	204	471	46	933
3. Route-Kms remaining to be electrified	354	64		201	94	70	450	1233

Notes: 1. Work in progress on against Item 3 above are expected to be completed by 31-3-85, subject to availability of adequate funds.

2. On the South-Eastern Railway, a total of 471 Route-Kms have al-Kirandul Section) in VI Plan Kirandul Section) in VI Plan period. Another 70 Route-Kms lying in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway are expected to be completed by 31-3-85, subject to availability of adequate funds.

Wagon Loading Target of S.E. Railways

1901. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South-Eastern Railways have reduced the loading target for 1983-84;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the revised traffic target and revenue earning traffic estimated for the year 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) So far, no revised target has been fixed. However, due to less

offer of traffic by core sector like steel plant traffic, fertilizers, iron ore for export and coal etc. there is a tentative proposal to revise the target marginally downward, which has not yet been finalised.

Increase in edible oil allocation to the .. vanaspati units ..

1902. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the edible oil allocation to the vanaspati units;

(b) if so, from which month allocation has been enhanced; and

(c) what are the details of the enhancement of allocation made to the vanaspati units?