

Development of Regional Eye Institutes

391. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to develop four Regional Eye Institutes during 1983-84.

(b) whether Government are aware that the Regional Institute of Calcutta is not in a position to cater to the vast needs of the States of North-Eastern Region and a Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in the Region has become a matter of imperative urgency; and

(c) whether Government propose to open a Regional Eye Institute in the North East Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) The National Programme for the Control of Blindness provides for the establishment of 6 Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology. Four of these Institutes have already been established including the one at Calcutta. The setting up of two more Institutes is being expedited. There are proposals to set up a few more Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology during the remaining period of the Sixth Five Year Plan, provided adequate resources are available. Should these proposals materials the requirements of the North-Eastern Region will be kept in view.

Involvement of voluntary organisations in Family Planning drive

392. SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether voluntary organisations have been involved in States for family planning drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): Family Planning is sought to be promoted on voluntary basis as a peoples movement. As a result of the various initiatives taken, there has been encouraging response and a very large number of voluntary organisations are involved in the Family Planning programme in the various States and Union Territories. The States have again been urged to associate the voluntary organisations more closely in the implementation of the programme both at the State and district levels so as to instill a sense of partnership in the voluntary organisations in the promotion of this vital National Programme.

The last Joint Conference of the Central Council of Health and Central Family Welfare Council held on 7—9 July, 1983, in their recommendations has also urged upon all the organisations and groups in the non-Government sector at all levels—National, State, District and Village to come forward in large numbers and take a bigger role in promoting this National Programme.

Edible oil supply to Orissa

393. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for increasing the monthly quota for supply of edible oil to Orissa to 4000 M.Ts.; and

(b) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in supply of edible oil by State Trading Corporation to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Monthly allocations to the State Governments of imported edible oils for public distribution are made on the basis of various factors, such as availability of indigenous edible oils in the State/Region, allocations made earlier and quan-

ties lifted against them, availability of stocks with STC etc. The allocation to Orissa has been stepped up to 770 MTs in April, 1983 from 510 MTs in March, 1983. This has been further increased to 1030 MTs, in June and July, 1983.

(b) There has been no delay in the supply of Palmolein. However, there has been some delay recently in the supply of tinned Refined Rapeseed Oil to Orissa Government due to delays in berthing of the Rapeseed Oil ship at Bombay port. STC has taken steps to supply to full allotted quantities to the State Government.

Supply of wheat and rice to Orissa

394. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure adequate supply of rice and wheat to the people of Orissa who are in acute distress due to natural calamities in that State; and

(b) what is the actual quantity of rice and wheat supplied to Orissa from the Central pool between the period from the 1st January, 1983 to 30th June, 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (b) The State Government of Orissa were allotted 88,000 tonnes of rice and 1,50,600 tonnes of wheat during the period from January to June, 1983. As against this, the offtake of rice and wheat by the State was 79,200 tonnes and 1,29,400 tones respectively.

The normal monthly allocations of rice and wheat for public distribution in Orissa were increased from time to time as under:—

RICE: An increase of 5,000 tonnes for month during April and May, 1983 and 10,000 tonnes since June, 1983 was allow-

ed over the January, 1983 allocation of 10,000 tonnes.

An extra *ad hoc* allocation of 8,000 tonnes of rice was allowed for February, 1983.

WHEAT (For Public Distribution System): An increase of 5,000 tonnes per month during April, 1983 and May, 1983 and 8,000 tonnes since June, 1983 was allowed over the January, 1983 allocation of 12,000 tonnes.

Extra *ad hoc* allocations of 5,000 tonnes for January, 1983 and 10,000 tonnes for February, 1983 were also allowed.

In addition, allocations of wheat aggregating to 12,285 tonnes were also made to the State Government under the Employment Generation Scheme during the period.

At the request of the State Government, they were permitted to purchase 30,000 tonnes of levy-free rice from the surplus States—20,000 tonnes from Andhra Pradesh and 10,000 tonnes from Punjab/Haryana.

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395. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछली बार द्वितीय श्रेणी के किराये में वृद्धि किये जाने के बाद द्वितीय श्रेणी के डिब्बों में यात्रा करने वाले रेल यात्रियों को कोई अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) गाड़ियों में भीड़भाड़ की समस्या का सामना करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?