

## DISRTIBUTION BY CENTRE (MT)

	Demand	Allocation	Actual supply
1980 (12 months)			
1981 (12 months)	46,31,600	33,46,600	15,04,900
1982 (1st 3 months)	33,00,000	27,15,000	10,07,700
	8,25,000	5,60,000	5,03,800
ACTUAL SUPPLY LESS THAN DEMAND			
1980			
1981	31,26,700 MT		
1982	18,92,300 MT		
(1st 3 months)	3,21,200 MT		
ACTUAL SUPPLY LESS THAN ALLOCATION			
1980	18,41,700 MT		
1981	12,08,700 MT		
1982 (1st 3 months)	56,200 MT		

To place these urgent grievances our Food Minister, along with the State Minister, came to meet the hon. Agriculture Minister, Rao Birendra Singh, recently in Delhi, but it was very sad that the hon. Minister could not find time to meet our Ministers for discussing emergency purposes.

Anyhow, we are very much aggrieved in the manner the local FCI is handling the situation in regard to the question of food which is a vital issue concerning the daily necessity of the people. (Time Bell rings)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please conclude.

SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: One minute. It is clear that the performance of the F.C.I., in spite of supplying foodgrains to the consumers at reasonable prices and providing remunerative prices to the growers, to abolish the middleman in the trade of foodgrains, has become itself the agent of the middle man. It is high time to hand over the works of the FCI (procurement, distribution and storage) to the Department of Food and Supplies, Government of West Bengal, as decided earlier in 1981.

At least my submission is that the Ministry of Agriculture should immediately rush and supply the required quantity of rice and wheat so as to meet the acute shortage of foodgrains in ration shops and the created hardship of the common man is met.

Thank you, Sir.

## REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED NEAR DEAD-LOOK SITUATION IN THE RADIO-THERAPY DEPARTMENT OF SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE (West Bengal): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the reported pitiable state of Radiotherapy Department in Safdarjung Hospital cannot cause but great anxiety. It is stated in a report in the Indian Express that owing to dearth of Radiographers who administer the treatment, an expensive and sophisticated machine to X-ray the brain in the Operation Theatre of the Neurology Department and two X-ray units in the Casualty Department are lying idle. One of the two brain X-ray machines bought by Safdarjung Hospital was donated to the AIIMS as it remained

unused at Safdarjung Hospital. Ten Radiographers quit the hospital because of refusal to grant 'radiation allowance' or to improve the pitifully low salary scales for radiographers with inadequate promotional opportunities.

Five out of 20 Radiographers suffered from heart and kidney ailments after 20 years of service. The Radiation Allowance is reported to be paid in other States. The scales for Radiographers obtaining in ATIMS and other hospitals are higher. This situation in Safdarjung Hospital is acting to the detriment of serious cancer patients. The Government should take immediate steps to remove the legitimate grievances of Radiographers regarding 'radiation allowances', improve pay scales and greater promotional opportunities, so that the Radiographers are not forced to leave the Hospital and, in the process, serious cancer patients do not suffer.

Thank you.

#### REFERENCE TO THE ALLEGED IMPOSITION OF HINDI IN TAMIL NADU THROUGH TELEVISION

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Murasoli Maran. Yours is the last Special Mention. It will find a place in the press on Sunday or Monday.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nedu: Sir, the people of Tamil Nadu are shocked that the television is now being used as an instrument of Hindi imperialism. Right from 15th August, Madras Television will televise Hindi news item and there will be Hindi programmes for one hour or more. Giving precedence to Hindi news, Tamil news which is now televised everyday by 8.00 P.M. will be pushed back to 7.00 P.M. and English news to 6.15 P.M. Every Wednesday there will be a play in Hindi from 8.15 P.M. to 8.45 P.M.

Thus Hindi takes away the Prime time adding insult to injury. The pre-eminent position of English news

item and Tamil news item is pushed to the background. This is nothing but Hindi imposition. INSAT was acclaimed by us as a symbol of our technological achievement. Now, it has become an instrument of Hindi imperialism and has become a curse also. I want to ask the Information Ministry....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Very harsh words you are using.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: It is their programme to relegate to the background to Tamil news items. In fact, there are more Tamil-speaking people in Delhi than Hindi-speaking people in Madras or Tamil Nadu. Would they do it in Delhi? No, Then, why should they impose Hindi news items on the Tamil people?

Very recently, Mr. Vasant Sathe issued an order changing the name of All India Radio to Akashvani and went abroad. There were protests in Tamil Nadu and later it attracted the attention of the Prime Minister and because of her intervention, the status quo is restored. Later it was explained that the I&B. Minister, Mr. Vasant Sathe, did not at all consult the Prime Minister. I do not know wheher in ordering the broadcast of these news items, the hon. Prime Minister has been consulted or not or whether the I. & B. Ministry is acting on its own.

I strongly condemn this attitude and the people of Tamil Nadu would rise like one man to oppose this. I am not against national programmes. There are 15 languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of our constitution Let them televise all the programmes in 15 languages. It will promote national integration. Instead of doing that, they are imposing Hindi and they are using television as an instrument of Hindi imposition. Why should they impose Hindi programmes for one hour or more in the names of Tamil Nadu through televi-