(Figures in million Tonnes)

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Rice (including I of rice.)	paddy in	teri	ms	6 76
Wheat				4.99
Coarse grains .				u. o ð
TOTAL FOOD	CRAINS :		. –	11.84*

(b) The total quantities of wheat supplied by Food Corporation of India from Central pool during 1979 and 1980 under three separate heads are as given below:

(Figures in million Tonnes)

	197 9	1980*	
	Jan-Dec.	Jan-Dec.	
(i) Fair price shops	2·92	3.95	
(ii) Roller flour Mills	3.02	3 · 64	
(iii) Food for work programme	1 · 20	1.05	
	7' 19	8.64	

* Provisional, subject to revision.

Deterioration in Post and Telegraph Service

170. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI:

SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the postal and telegraphic services in the country continues to be deteriorating, resulting in abnormal delays in the delivery of parcels and telegrams;

(b) if so, the reasons identified by Government for continuous deterioration in the postal and telegraphic services in the councry; and

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(c) the s. tep[^] taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) (i) Postal services are not deteriorating in the country. There is usually no delay ih delively of parcelg except in very smaU percentage of cases *Mr reasons beyond the control of the P & T Department such as floods and disturbances.

(ii) Telegraph Services: Yes, Sir.

(() Telegraph service:

The main reasons for deterioratirai in the telegraph service have been identified as: —

(i) Shortages and alisenteeism of operative staff;

(ii) Transit operations involved in the path of a telegram; and

(iii) Power 'failures in telegraph Offices.

(c) The remedial steps being taken to improve the situation are: —

(i) deployment Of a short-duty operative staff:

(ii) creation of reserve pool of operative staff;

(iii) planning expansion of genter network to reduce the transit;

(iv) provision of standby genera- ^ torg in Central and Departmental Telegraph offices.

Credit from International Financial Agrencies for Irrigation Projects

171. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI;

SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION., be pleased to state: 3t

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to receive Rs. *WO* crore of credit from the InternatijonaE