

(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:

\* Provisional, subject to revision.

170. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD  
SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS 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 country; and

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 in delivery of  
parcels except in very small percentage of  
cases. Mr. reasons beyond the control of the P  
& T Department such as floods and  
disturbances.

(ii) *Telegraph Services:* Yes, Sir.

(i) Telegraph service:

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

(i) Shortages and absenteeism 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.

## 171. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI;

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 InternatiionaE