

Annexure No. 6).' The Report itself was placed on the Table of the Sabha on 18-2-1975.

(c) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the State Governments and the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.

#### **Food scarcity in Assam**

92. SHRI S. A. HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of 26th December, 1974 to the effect that three starving children were murdered by their father over a handful of rice at Makhanbasti, (Kamrup) in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that Assam is under conditions of acute food scarcity; and

(c) if so, what relief measures were provided to the State so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In order to "meet the difficult situation created by successive waves of floods in Assam, Allotment of foodgrains was made on enhanced scale from the Central Pool (See Appendix XCL annexure No. 7). On the recommendations of the Central Study Team, the Government has sanctioned advance plan assistance of Rs. 2 crores for the Brahmaputra flood control works and Rs. 2 crores for replacement of essential roads and bridges which were damaged by floods. In addition to this, a sum of Rs. 3.88 crores has been made available to the State Government as short-term loan for inputs such as seeds, pesticides and fertilisers.

#### **Report of the Central Museums Review Committee**

93. SHRI J. S. ANAND: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

fa) whether the Central Museums Review Committee has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof;

(c) whether any recommendations have been made in regard to the creation of new posts for the purpose of strengthening the security arrangements; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement these recommendations, particularly in the National Museum, New Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The report was submitted in 1971 and copies of the report were supplied to the Parliament Library. A statement showing the main recommendations of the Central Museums Review Committee was laid on the Table of the Sabha in reply to Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No. 1259, answered on 29th August, 1973.

(c) and (d). The gist of the recommendations made by the Committee regarding creation of new posts for strengthening security arrangements in the Central Museums as well as archaeological monuments, sites and museums, and action taken to implement these recommendations is given in the attached statement. (See Appendix XCI, Annexure No. 8).