

**ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO OLD MASTERS OF
MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA BY SANGEET
NATAK AKADEMI**

*194. SHRI HABIB TANVIR :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MU-
KHERJEE : SHRI SARDAR
AMJAD ALI : SHRI SUHRID
MULLICK CHOUDHURY : SHRI
N. R. CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased
to state :

(a) whether the Sangeet Natak Akademi
has drawn up any scheme for assisting old
masters of music, dance and drama ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the
negative, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what are the details of the assistance, if
any, so far provided to these masters by the
Akademi ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MI-
NISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a)
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A scheme known as "Financial Assis-
tance to persons who have made Contributions
in art and letters but are in indigent circum-
stances and to dependants of writers and
artists who leave their families unprovided"
has been in operation in the Department of
Culture since 1952-53. A more liberal and
integrated scheme for award of fellowships
and pensions to artists and writers is under
consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

**PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY FOOD
CORPORATION OF INDIA FOR SAFE TRANSIT
OF FOOD STUFF**

*195. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI
: DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :
SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state the detailed procedure
followed by the Food Corporation of
India at the

despatch and receiving ends to prevent deteri-
oration in the quality and of foodgrains in
transit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ANNASAHEB SHINDE): Foodgrains
procured by the Food Corporation of India are
purchased according to quality specifications
laid by the Government of India. At the
despatching end, the stocks are properly
protected by tarpaulin/ polyethylene covers,
etc. As far as possible, movement of these
foodgrains is done in covered wagons but
whenever these stocks are loaded in open
wagons, they are given tarpaulin covering
properly fastened and lashed. Open wagons are
loaded in fair weather only in block rakes with
escort to ensure proper protection at various
intermediate points in transit. At the destination
also, inspection of stocks is carried out by
trained technical personnel.

**OPENING OF NEW RATION SHOPS IN
THE COUNTRY**

*196. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : DR. Z.
A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) the number of new ration shops opened
in the country in the months of August, Sep-
tember and October, 1972 to sell essential
commodities at controlled prices ;

(b) what is the State-wise break-up of these
ration shops; and

(c) what is the average monthly quantum of
supply of rice, wheat, sugar and edible oils
available in these shops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) At present
statutory rationing is in force in Greater
Calcutta, Assansol and Durgapur Complex in
West Bengal and also Greater Bombay in
Maharashtra. The total number of fair price
shops including ration shops in the months of
August, September and October, 1972 is as
follows :—

As reported up to 19-8-72	125408
As reported up to 15-9-72	131525
As reported up to 7-10-72	141695
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