

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

- *194. SHRI HABIB TANVIR :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :
SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHAUDHURY :
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 MINISTRY 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 Assistance to persons who have made contributions in art and letters but are in indigent circumstances 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 deterioration in the quality and of foodgrains in transit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB 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 moved 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, September 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 ANNASAHAB 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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