

**ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY
CHANDRANAGAR COOPEPATIVE HOCSB
BUILDING SOCIETY**

*518. SHRI SUHRID MULLICK
CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of
misappropriation of funds against the
office-bearers of the Chandranagar Coope-
rative House Building Society Limited,
New Delhi has been investigated by the C.
B. I.

(b) if so, whether a prima facie case has
been established.

(c) if so, whether criminal proceedings
have been launched; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) to (d) It is
not a fact that the C. B. I. has investigated a
case of misappropriation of funds against
the office-bearers of the society. However
an enquiry under section 43 of the Bombay
Cooperative Societies Act, 1925, as
extended to the Union Territory of Delhi
has been conducted. The question of
launching criminal prosecution as a result
of this enquiry is under consideration of the
Delhi Administration.

**PROCUREMENT PRICE OF WHEAT PAID BY
F. C. I.**

*519. SHRIGANESHILAL CHAU-
DHARY : Will the Minister of AGRI-
CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received
any complaints about the low price of
wheat paid by Food Corporation of India to
farmers in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the action taken by
Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) No specific
complaints have been received.

(b) Does not arise.

OFFENCES UNDER UNTOUCHABILITY ACT

*520. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM
K. HAPARDE . Will the Minister of
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an increase
in the offences under the Removal of
Untouchability Act in the country in the
recent past; and

(b) if so, what legal measures have been
taken by Government to check such
occurrences ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S.
RAMASWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) To make the punishment for the
offence of untouchability more deterrent,
penal provisions of the Untouchability
(Offences) Act, 1955 are being made more
stringent and a Bill to this effect is already
before the Parliament.

**REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE,
SILCHAR**

*521. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY : Will
the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to
state :

(a) the progress of establishment of the
Regional Engineering College at Silchar,
Assam;

(b) when the College is expected to be
started;

(c) the number of staff appointed so far
and the dates of their appointments ; and