

Bank Accounts in the Post Offices, are withdrawing their money at the earliest opportunity and are opening their Savings Bank Accounts in the nationalised banks as the rates of interest are higher in these banks; and

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to raise the rates of interest in the Post Office Savings Bank and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री (श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह) : (क) चूंकि डाकघर बचत बैंक की तुलना में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में व्याज की दर अधिक नहीं है, इसलिए डाकघर बचत बैंक में जिन लोगों के खाते हैं, उनका राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में खाते खोलने के लिए अपनी रकम निकालने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

[THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SIRHA) : (a) Since the rates of interest are not higher in the Nationalised Banks as compared to those in Post Office Savings Bank, the question of Post Office Savings Bank depositors withdrawing their money for opening Savings Bank accounts in the Nationalised banks does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.]

WHOLESALE FOODGRAIN TRADE BY THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

♦417, SHRI SANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any resistance from any State Government to hand over complete wholesale foodgrain trade to the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the names of those States and the reasons for the same;

(c) whether any State Government is interested in having wholesale foodgrains trade partially or wholly in private sector; and

(d) if so, the names thereof and the reasons advanced by them?

[] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (d) Government are carrying on a considerable volume of wholesale trade in major foodgrains through public agencies. Complete take over of wholesale trade of all foodgrains is not contemplated at present. So far, the State Governments of Bihar, Kerala, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have entrusted the Food Corporation of India with the wholesale trade in foodgrains to a limited extent. In addition to the Food Corporation of India, the State Governments are utilising their own machinery and Cooperatives as far as possible. Private trade agencies are also operating in most of the States.

EMPLOYEES MOVE TO PARALYSE THE WORK OF A. I. R.

♦418. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a move to paralyse the working of the All India Radio by its employees as a protest against the suspension of their two union leaders; and

(b) if so, what precautionary measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Government is not aware of any such move.

(b) does not arise.

"419. [Transferred to the 14th May, 1970.]

खेतिहर मजदूरों के हितों की रक्षा

*420. श्री मान सिंह वर्मा : श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

क्या श्रम तथा पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कोई ऐसा कानून बनाने का विचार रखती है जिसके द्वारा खेति-