

(c) how many such attacks have so far been made by Naxalites in Calcutta and the areas around it ?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० शेर सिंह) : (क)
 एक युवक हाथ में थैला लिये 19 जून, 1970 को गार्डेनरीच डाकघर में दाखिल हुआ। जब डाकघर के कर्मचारियों ने उसे ललकारा तो उसने चार या पांच साथियों के साथ जो दर-वाजे पर खड़े थे, भागने की कोशिश की।

(ख) विभाग को कोई नुकसान नहीं हुआ। 5 व्यक्ति पुलिस के सुपुर्द किये गये।

(ग) 24 जुलाई, 1970 तक सोलह।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a.) A young man with a bag in hand entered Ga'-denreach Post Office on 19-6-70. When he was challenged by post office staff he tried to escape, with four or five associates who were standing at the gate.

fb) There was no loss to the Department. 5 persons were handed over to the police.

Ce) Sixteen upto 24th July, 1970.]

EXTINCTION OF BARASINGHA

324. SHRI RAM SAHAI:
 SHRI SWAI SINGH SISODIA:
 PT. BHAWANI PRASAD
 TIWARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Barasingha' a rare variety of deer, in Central India is confined only to the KANHA National Park in Madhya Pradesh and that its number has gone down steadily from 3,000 in 1938 to 70 at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what are the positive measures taken by the Union Government to save this species from extinction; and

†[] English translation.

(c) what are the recommendations of I. U. C N. Conference on this subject and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

CIRCULATION OF FOREIGN BROADCASTS TO NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS

325. SHRI A. D. MANI :

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS:

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

(a) whether the All India Radio has ceased to record monitored foreign broadcasts, including those of Moscow's Radio Peace and Progress, for circulation to newspaper correspondents; and

(b) the basis on which the circulation of these broadcasts has been stopped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) All India Radio monitors selected foreign broadcasts, including those put out by Radio Peace and Progress for Government's own use. These reports are meant for official use and their circulation to non-official agencies has been discontinued.

WORKING OF CD. BLOCKS

326. SHRI B. K. KAUL :
 SHRI S. D. MISRA:
 SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY
 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE:
 CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD:
 SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been made by the Department of Community Development, after the abolition of the Ministry for Community Development, at the Centre to better up the conditions in blocks;

(b) by what per cent the staff in the Community Development Blocks has been reduced in each of States;

(c) what are the functions of the staff now in employment, and whether their services commensurate with the annual expenditures incurred in various blocks; and

(d) what category of officers are looking after the work of Block officers, in States where the Block officers have been done away with?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. C. JAMIR): a) Yes Sir. The activities under the Community Development Programme have been continuously under review and the progress of activities under the programme have already been reported to the Sabha in the Annual Report of the Department of Community Development for 1969-70.

(b) The information is given in statement attached. (See below)

(c) Careful thought has been given to the question of utilising Community Development staff. It was suggested to the

State Governments that concerted effort* should be made to improve the competence and scale of extension agents at all levels. Endeavour should be to meet the needs of particular areas for extension services with higher expertise than the minimum universal standard. The Conference of Chief Ministers and State Ministers for Community Development and Panchayati Raj which met in Madras in June, 1968 recommended that the changes in the organisational pattern of the blocks should be brought about taking into account the actual programme potential and workload from area to area. It was also suggested that functionaries who were not likely to have enough work in a given area may be re-employed. Improving extension services is a challenging task and taking into account the magnitude of the work involved the number of extension staff made available to a block is limited. Figures of annual expenditure alone are not a good guide to the requirement extension services.

(d) The work of Block Officers in the States is looked after by the Block Development Officers except in Madhya Pradesh where it is looked after by Development Assistants.

STATEMENT

Statement showing extension functionaries in Community Development blocks (as on 1-3-1969)

S. No.	State	No. of functionaries sanctioned by the State Government	No. of functionaries in position in Community Development blocks	Extent of shortage	Percentage shortage
1	Andhra Pradesh	10,068	9,645	423	4.2
2	Assam	3,670	3,059	611	16.6
3	Bihar	12,621	11,430	1,191	9.4
4	Gujarat	4,150	3,854	296	7.1
5	Haryana	1,452	1,402	50	3.4
6	Jammu & Kashmir	1,333	1,286	47	3.5
7	Kerala	2,681	2,521	160	6.0
8	Madhya Pradesh	9,649	8,659	990	10.3

S. No.	State	No. of func- tionaries sanctioned by the State Government	No. of func- tionaries in position in Community Develop- ment blocks	Extent of shortage	Percent- age short- age
9	Maharashtra	8,875	7,902	973	10.9
10	Mysore	5,884	4,627	1,257	21.4
11	Nagaland	313	201	112	35.8
12	Orissa	7,299	7,224	75	1.0
13	Punjab	2,282	2,248	34	1.5
14	Rajasthan	4,561	4,412	149	3.3
15	Tamil Nadu	8,195	7,996	199	2.4
16	Uttar Pradesh	17,829	17,047	782	4.4
17	West Bengal	7,903	7,066	837	10.6

खाद्यान्नों की आवश्यकता

327. श्री नवल किशोर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान समाचार पत्रों में हाल में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि इस वर्ष खाद्यान्नों की कुल उपज 10 करोड़ टन होने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि 60 करोड़ की जनसंख्या के आधार पर प्रति व्यक्ति (नव-जात शिशु से लेकर मरणासन्न व्यक्ति तक) प्रति वर्ष औसतन एक क्विंटल खाद्यान्न की खपत के आधार पर भारत को कुल खाद्यान्नों की आवश्यकता 60 करोड़ क्विंटल अर्थात् 6 करोड़ टन होगी ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि खाद्यान्नों की वर्तमान आवश्यकता के आधार पर देश खाद्यान्नों के मामले में सर्वदा ही आत्म-निर्भर रहा है तथा खाद्यान्नों की नकली कमी बनी हुई है ;

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ग) का उत्तर 'हाँ' हो, तो इसके विषय में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा खाद्यान्नों का आयात तुरन्त बन्द करने के बारे में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

REQUIREMENTS OF FOODGRAINS

327. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item recently published in the press to the effect that the total production of foodgrains this year is likely to be ten crore tonnes.

(b) whether it is a fact that the total requirement of foodgrains is likely to be to the order of 60 crore quintals or 6 crore tonnes calculated on the basis of an average annual consumption of one quintal of foodgrains per head (which includes newborn baby as well as a man on the verge of death) which is based on a population of 60 crores;

† [] English translation.