

†[AMENITIES FOR THE STAFF OF P. & T. DEPARTMENT AT SUB-POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, BARIYARPUR

366. SHRI J. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one mail peon in the Bariyarpur Sub-Post and Telegraph Office against the two posts recommended for that place ;

(b) whether it is a fact that necessary basic amenities like residential accommodation for the staff, telephone service etc. are not available there ; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to remove these shortcomings and if not, what are the reasons therefor?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार

विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (प्रोफेसर शेर सिंह) :

(क) जी नहीं, विभागीय मानकों के अनुसार बरियारपुर उप-डाकघर में अतिरिक्त विभागीय डाक-चपरामी के केवल एक पद की ही औचित्य है। हल ही में अतिरिक्त विभागीय संदेशवाहक के एक पद की भी मंजूरी दी जा चुकी है।

(ख) तथा (ग) बरियारपुर उप-डाकघर में कर्मचारियों के रहने की जगह की कुछ कमी है। फिर भी, विभाग डाकघर की इमारत और कर्मचारियों के लिए क्वार्टरों के निर्माण के एक प्रस्ताव की जांच कर रहा है। बरियारपुर में टेलीफोन की सुविधा उपलब्ध है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH : (a) No. According to departmental standard only one post of Extra departmental Mail peon is justified for Bariarpur sub-Post Office. Recently one extra Departmental messenger has also been sanctioned,

(b) and (c) There is some shortage of accommodation for staff in the Bariarpur Sub Post Office. However, a proposal for the construction of P. O. building and staff quarters is under examination of the department. Telephone Service is available at Bariarpur.]

FAMINE AFFECTED AREAS

367. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of regions in the country which are at present declared as famine affected areas in different States and how long famine conditions have continued to exist there so far ;

(b) whether any Study Team of the Planning Commission has recently visited those areas and if so, what is their assessment of the prevailing conditions there ;

(c) whether the Study Team has made any recommendations to remove famine conditions from those areas and to provide help to the famine stricken people and if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the decision taken by Government on the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) No State Government have reported declaration of any area as famine affected area. However, owing to the failure of rains in 1968-69, drought conditions have appeared in parts of some States. A list of the States affected is attached. (Statement I). (See below).

(b) to (d) Central Teams are sent to States affected by drought to assess the requirements of funds for immediate relief operations. A Statement indicating the ceilings of expenditure, recommended by the Teams, during 1968-69 and 1969-70 and the assistance released so far is attached (Statement II). No request for sending a Central team to Bihar had been received from the State Government.

STATEMENT I

States affected by failure of rains during 1968-69

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory
1	Andhra Pr. desh
2	Bihar
3	Gujarat
4	Haryana
5	Madhya Pradesh
6	Mysore
7	Orissa
8	Pondicherry
9	Rajasthan
10	Tamil Nadu
11	Tripura
12	Uttar Pradesh

STATEMENT II

Ceillings and expenditure recommended for drought relief during 1968-69 and 1969-70 and assistance released

State	Ceilling of expenditure	Central assistance
	(Rs.)	(crores)
1. Andhra Pradesh	16.00	15.00
2. Gujarat	10.37	7.00*
3. Haryana	1.27†	..
4. Madhya Pradesh	2.15	..
5. Mysore	10.00‡	10.00
6. Orissa	5.47	5.00
7. Rajasthan	18.48	24.01
8. Tamil Nadu	1.25‡	5.25
9. Uttar Pradesh	2.47	..

*In addition Rs. 9.00 crores have been released for drought and flood relief.

†The report of the central team which visited the State recently is awaited.

‡The question of fixing ceilings of expenditure for 1969-70 is under examination.

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

368. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the position with regard to the availability and consumption of fertilizers vis-a-vis its requirements during 1970 in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the assessment made by Government and the action taken for the production of fertilizers to meet the country's requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The fertiliser consumption requirements of the country for the year 1970-71 have been tentatively estimated at 20 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen, 8 lakh tonnes of P_2O_5 and 4 lakh tonnes of K_2O . The position will, however, require to be reviewed after the level of consumption reached during 1969-70 is known. According to the assessment made by Government, the production of fertilizers will be of the order of 12.28 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 4.10 lakh tonnes of P_2O_5 during 1970-71. It is proposed to establish additional fertiliser factories and expand the existing ones to meet the requirements to the extent possible.

FERTILIZERS PROMOTION BOARD

369. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Fertilizers Promotion Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The proposal to set up an organisation for promotion of fertiliser use including the functions to be entrusted to it is under consideration.