

treated as forest area. The annual forest produce varies from year to year. The details for 1967-68 are however as follow :

- (i) Timber—71052 cubic metre.
 - (ii) Ballies—387740 numbers.
 - (iii) Bamboos—954949 numbers.
 - (iv) Firewood—13657 cords.
 - (v) Canes—4026400 numbers.
 - (vi) Dhup resin—3187 kilograms.
- (b) The forest produce is disposed of mainly in the following ways :—
- (i) Timber logs by—
 - (a) sale to local Plywood Factories and to the Match factories on the Island and the mainland;
 - (b) on the mainland by sale to the Railways through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals and other Government and Semi-Government Institutions through the Departmental Depots at Calcutta and Madras ;
 - (c) conversion in departmental Saw Mills at Chatham and Betapur for local sale to the local public and Government Depots, as well as for disposal in the Departmental Depots in the mainland at Calcutta and Madras ;
 - (d) sale to private Saw Millers for conversion in their Saw Mills.
 - (ii) Ballies and Bamboos are used both by Government Departments as well as Public in making temporary hutments fencing etc
 - (iii) Firewood is used mainly for running of Steam-Vessels and Power House ;
 - (iv) Canes are used by Forest Departments for rafting of logs and part of it is utilised by Jail and Cottage Industries Department for furniture making.
 - (vi) Dhoop Resin extracted by lessees is disposed of by them directly.
- (c) Yes, Madam. The saw-mill installed at Chatham by Government is running

at a loss. Based on the figures given in the proforma accounts of the forest Department for the last three years the average annual loss works out to Rs. 35,96,228. Reasons for losses mainly are—(i) High Cost of logs as fixed by the commercial system of accounting adopted by the Department ; (ii) sawing of inferior quality logs yields poor out-turn of sawn-timber ; (iii) Use of old and out-moded machinery and equipment ; (iv) increase in the cost of stores used in the saw mill ; (v) increase in pay and allowances given to the industrial employees due to liberalised service conditions ; and (vi) sale of sawn timber in the Islands and on the mainland markets at rates lower than the cost of production.

Steps taken to obviate the losses are

- (1) re-examination of costing of raw-materials in proforma accounts (2) replacement of old and out-moded machinery and equipment on phased basis ; and (3) consideration for increase in the rates for local sale of sawn timber.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.]

बरियारपुर स्थित उप-डाक-तार-घर के कर्मचारियों के लिए सुख सुविधाएं

366. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बरियारपुर के उप-डाक-तार घर के लिये दो डाक चपरासियों की सिफारिश होने पर भी वहां केवल एक ही डाक चपरासी है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि वहां कर्मचारियों के लिये रहने की जगह, टेलीफोन सेवा आदि जैसी आवश्यक सुख-सुविधाएं वहां उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां तो सरकार इन वृत्तियों को कब तक दूर करने का विचार रखती है और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[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 ANNASAHEB 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.

†[] English translation.