

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) No, Sir. This Ministry, however, held prize competitions among the consumers stores at the training centres, namely, Gramsewak Training Centres, Co-operative Training Centres, Social Education Organisers' Training Centres, Orientation and Study Centres and Khadi Mahavidyalayas, in order to encourage the organisation and exemplary functioning of such societies in these training centres.

(b) Does not arise.

217. *[Transferred to the 14th March, 1963.]*

SHORTAGE OF POSTAL STATIONERY IN KANGRA DISTRICT IN PUNJAB

218. SHRI SHIVA NAND RAMAUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post cards and other postal stationery have not been available to public from the Sub-Post Office at Dhameta in the District of Kangra in Punjab for the last two months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to supply these articles in sufficient quantity; and

(c) the number of other Sub-Post Offices in that district where public are facing similar shortage of these articles?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI):

(a) There is no such complaint, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. (c)

None.

POTATO CULTIVATION AT DHARMANAGAR SUB-DIVISION OF TRIPURA

219. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that potato cultivation at Dharmanagar Sub-Division of Tripura had been badly affected in the current year; and

(b) if so, what step has been taken by the Agricultural Department of Tripura Administration and how far it has become effective and what is the estimated loss of potato production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as available.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST SERVICE OF TELEPHONE OPERATORS OF GAUhati TOWN

220. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been numerous complaints from the public against the unsatisfactory service of telephone operators at Gauhati Town; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI):

(a) A few complaints have been received from the public against the unsatisfactory service of telephone operators of Gauhati.

(b) The technical reasons for unsatisfactory service are being removed. Arrangements are also being made for imparting refresher training to the operative staff.