†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The required information is contained in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix XXXIX, Annexure No. 32.]

(c) Generally speaking, not.]

कृषि सम्बन्धी तक्नीकी कार्यक्रमों के अधीन सहायता

२६४. **श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान** : क्या **खाद्य तथा कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कृषि सम्बन्धी विभिन्न तक्नीकी कार्यक्रमों के अधीन इस समय किन किन देशों में भारतीय विशेषज्ञ सहायता दे रहे हैं और व क्या क्या सहायता दे रहे हैं; और

(ख) क्या भारत सरकार से और अधिक विशेषज्ञों की मांग की गई है ; यदि हां तो किन किन संगठनों ने ऐसी मांग की है और प्रत्येक ने कितने कितने विशेषज्ञ मांगे हैं ?

†[ASSISTANCE UNDER AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES

264. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries where Indian experts are rendering assistance at present under the various agricultural technical programmes and what assistance they are rendering; and

(b) whether more experts have been demanded from the Government of India; if so, the names of the organisations that have made such demands and the number of experts demanded by each of them?]

खाद्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थामस) : (क) एक विवरण नत्थी है [देखिये परिशिष्ट ३६, अनुपत्र संख्या ३३।]

(ख) एक विवरण नत्थी है [देखिये परिशिष्ट ३६, अनुपत्र संख्या ३४।]

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) A statement is appended. [*See* Appendix XXXIX, Annexure No. 33.]

(b) A statement is appended. [*See* Appendix XXXIX, Annexure No. 34.]

EXPRESS DELIVERY LETTERS

265. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements have been made to handle separately "Express Delivery" letters at the station of posting;

(b) whether "Express Delivery" letters are now sent in separate bags and not with ordinary mail; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve "Express Delivery" service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, by RMS Sections and Offices.

(c) (i) The work of delivery of E. D. articles is being transferred from telegraph offices to post offices throughout the country. The transfer has already been effected in some circles and is expected to be completed by others shortly.

(ii) More expeditious arrangements have been made for conveyance of

†[ ] English translation.

bags and covers containing E. D. articles and for ensuring their prompt delivery to addressees.

(ii) Mechanised transport, *e.g.*, mail motor, motor cycle, motor rickshaws, is being increasingly utilised for conveyance of bags containing E. D. articles from mail offices to the delivery offices. Delivery is being effected by messengers on cycles.

खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक में कमी

२६६. **श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया** : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री ९ मई, १९६२ को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २८४ के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक की कमी में, जो वर्ष १९५६–५७ में ०·०२७ प्रतिशत थी और वर्ष १९५९–६० में ०·६७ प्रतिशत हो गई है, वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) खाद्यान्नों की ठीक तरह से सुरक्षा हो सके, उसके बारे में क्या नवीन कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

†[SHORTAGE IN FOODGRAINS STOCKS

266. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 284 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1962 and state:

(a) the reasons for an increase in shortage in the stocks of foodgrains from 0·027 per cent. in the year 1956-57 to 0·67 per cent. in the year 1959-60; and

(b) what new steps are being taken to ensure proper protection of foodgrains?]

खाद्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थामस) : (क) १९५७–५८ से पूर्व हमारे भण्डार थोड़े थे और उनकी अदला-बदली जल्दी जल्दी होती थी जिसके परिणामस्वरूप खाद्यान्नों को बिगड़ने के लिये समय कम मिलता था । अब हमारे भण्डार पहले से बहुत बड़े हैं और खाद्यान्नों को बाहर भेजने से पहले, काफी अधिक समय के लिये गोदामों में रखना पड़ता है ।

(ख) खाद्यान्नों का संचयन करने के लिये अधिक से अधिक सरकार द्वारा बनाए गए गोदाम प्रयोग में लाए जा रहे हैं । ये गोदाम वैज्ञानिक ढंग से बनाये जाते हैं, इनमें सीलन नहीं होती, पानी नहीं टपक सकता और हवादार होते हैं । परिरक्षण के तरीकों तथा पद्धतियों का सुधार करने के लिये उनका निरन्तर अध्ययन होता रहता है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Our stocks prior to 1957-58 were small and there was quicker turnover with the result that the period over which deterioration could take place was very short. Now our reserves are much larger and they have to be kept in storage for much longer periods before they are issued out.

(b) More and more Government constructed accommodation is being brought into use for storage of foodgrains. These structures are built on scientific lines, are damp proof, protected against leakage and are well ventilated. Improvement in methods and techniques of preservation is constantly under study.]

100' WIDE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

267. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under

†[ ] English translation.