

and location of the four factories, and action taken are as under:—

Name and location	Action taken
1. Government Hydro-generation Factory, Calicut (Kerala).	Warned
2. M/s. Tungabhadra Industries Ltd., Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh).	"
3. M/s. Amrit Banaspati Co., Ltd., Ghaziabad (U. P.)	Being prosecuted.
4. M/s Rohtas Industries Ltd., Dalmianagar (Bihar).	Being prosecuted.]

'C' AREA ALLOWANCE FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN BELGAUM CITY

*72. SHRI D. B. DESAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees especially Post and Telegraph employees in Belgaum City, are not paid 'C' Area allowances;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have assured the Employees' Union that they will be paid the 'C' Area Allowances after 1961 Census; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) Belgaum has been classified as 'C' class city with effect from 1-7-61. The Posts & Telegraphs employees at Belgaum are entitled to 'C' area allowances from that date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS UNDER THE PACKAGE DEAL

*73. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilizers so far imported under the Package Deal with the United States of America;

(b) how it was distributed to the farmers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a substantial quantity of this fertilizer is being distributed through Co-operative Societies on credit, the rate of interest charged from the farmers being 7½%?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) 1·248 lakh tons of nitrogenous fertilizers (in terms of Ammonium Sulphate).

(b) This quantity, together with the fertilizers available to the districts out of normal allocations, is being channelised mostly through the co-operatives. Wherever cooperatives do not exist, the distribution is being done either departmentally or through private agencies.

(c) Yes; substantial quantities of fertilizers are being distributed through cooperative societies on credit. The rate of interest charged varies from State to State, ranging generally from 6¼% per annum (in Madras) to 9¾% per annum (in Punjab).

METRE GAUGE WAGON MANUFACTURING UNIT AT QUILON

*74. SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have requested the Government of India to agree to a proposal for starting an unit for manufacturing metre-gauge wagons at Quilon in the public sector; and

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.