

**SURPLUS RICE AVAILABLE IN ORISSA
FOR EXPORT**

321. SHRI MAHESHWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual estimated quantity of surplus rice available in Orissa for export outside the State;

(b) what is the extent of flow of rice from Orissa since the formation of the Composite Food Zone;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have approached the Central Government to approve certain restrictions proposed to be imposed on the indiscriminate flow of rice out of Orissa; and

(d) if so, what is the decision taken by the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) :
(a) No precise estimate is possible but it is felt that during a normal year of production the surplus may be anything between 3 and 4 lakh tons of rice;

(b) Since the formation of the Eastern Rice Zone about 1,42,000 tons of rice and 2,33,000 tons of paddy have moved from Orissa to West Bengal.

(c) and (d) The Orissa Government first suggested that in view of large quantities of rice and paddy having already moved to West Bengal, further exports should be regulated on a monthly quota basis. This could not be agreed to as it would have involved re-imposition of ban on the movement of rice and paddy from Orissa. It was later suggested by the Orissa Government that the priority classification for movement of rice and paddy by rail, from Orissa to West Bengal should be down graded from class 'D' to class 'E' and this has been agreed to.

**LACK OF MONEY ORDER FORMS AT
DURGAPUR STEEL PROJECT POST OFFICE**

322. SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report in the *Calcutta Statesman* of the 9th July, 1960 that Money Order Forms were not available in the Durgapur Steel Project post office and that the said forms were being sold for one anna each, in the verandah of the said post office;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite requisition in time, no Money Order and other forms were supplied to the said post office?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN) : (a) The report referred to appeared in the *Calcutta Statesman* Paper dated 3rd July 1960 and the attention of the Postmaster General, Calcutta was drawn to it on 4th July, 1960. Enquiries made by the Postmaster-General, Calcutta indicated that the Money Order Forms were not out of stock, in the Durgapur Steel Project Post Office and the forms were not sold for one Anna each in the Verandah of the Post Office as alleged.

(b) No.

**QUARTERS FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
AT HISSAR**

323. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees at Hissar Railway junction on the Northern Railway (Bikaner Division) who are without quarters;

(b) whether it is a fact that electricity connections are not provided to those employees at Hissar who have quarters to live in; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to provide the above facilities to the employees there?