

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Estimated Production of foodgrains during Rabi 2011-12 stands at 128.05 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1st February, 2013 including 23.26 million tonnes of rice procured up to 31st January, 2013 was 66.28 million tonnes. In addition to the above stock, the space will be required for remaining stock of rice being procured in the Kharif Marketing Season 2012-13 out of total anticipated procurement of 40.13 million tonnes during the season and anticipated procurement of 44.12 million tonnes of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season 2013-14.

Train from Jabalpur to Jagannath Puri

‡2084. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh, for running a regular and direct train from Jabalpur to Jagannath Puri *via* Raigarh, is pending with Government for the last three years;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government, so far, on this proposal; and

(c) by when, the direct train services from Jabalpur to Jagannath Puri *via* Raigarh are likely to be commenced for the benefit of the people of this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Introduction of a train between Jabalpur and Puri (Jagannath Puri) *via* Raigarh has been examined but it has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints. Besides, there is no commercial justification for introduction of a train between Jabalpur and Puri *via* Raigarh. However, presently the service of 22909/22910 Valsad-Puri Express (weekly) *via* Jabalpur-Katni-Champa-Jharsuguda-Sambalpur is available between Jabalpur and Puri.

Modernising cold storages

2085. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.