

(c) No such steps are contemplated. The rates of demurrage depend on local conditions, e.g. the storage space available, the expenditure incurred on the storage accommodation provided, the extent of congestion prevailing, etc.

Cadre of Panchayat Secretaries

*1155. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested that a new cadre of Panchayat Secretaries be constituted;

(b) if so, the important features of the scheme; and

(c) whether any new functions are to be performed by this new cadre in the administration of the Panchayati Raj?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) to (c). The Ministry has formulated a scheme for strengthening the cadre of panchayat secretaries. It envisages the appointment of a qualified and trained Secretary for a panchayat comprising about 3,000 population. This Secretary is to look after the secretarial, accounting and developmental aspects of the work of the village panchayat.

This Scheme was considered by the Planning Commission and the National Development Council on Agriculture and Irrigation. It has been circulated to State Governments for comments.

Construction of Warehouse

*1156. { **Shri Kindar Lal:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of warehouses constructed by the Central Government or with the aid given by the

Central Government throughout the country till the 15th April, 1965;

(b) if so, the total amount of expenditure incurred on this scheme; and

(c) the facilities given by the warehouses to the depositors?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). The Central Government does not construct warehouses directly. Warehouses are constructed by the Central Warehousing Corporation and the State Warehousing Corporations established under the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962. Assistance is provided by the Central Government by way of share capital and loans to the Central Warehousing Corporation. The Central Warehousing Corporation is one of the shareholders of each State Warehousing Corporation. The Central Warehousing Corporation has constructed warehouses at 25 centres with a total storage capacity of 1,06,065 tons and the expenditure incurred is Rs. 1.6 crores. The 14 State Warehousing Corporations have constructed warehouses upto 31st December 1964, at 78 centres with a total storage capacity of 1,26,529 tons. The total expenditure incurred on these godowns is Rs. 1.89 crores.

(c) The warehouses provide scientific storage facilities, cheaper bank credit against warehouse receipts and better holding power to the depositors.

बिहार में चीनी मिलें

*1158. **श्री विभक्ति मिश्र :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी हाल में सेन कमीशन बिहार गया था और उसने गन्ना उत्पादकों व चीनी मिलों के मालिकों से गन्ने तथा चीनी मिलों में सम्बन्धित विषयों पर प्रश्न पूछे थे; •