

Cotton Culture in Orissa

4619. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have
undertaken soil testing to iden areas for
cotton cultivation in Orissa:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to grown cotton in
those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ARVIND NETAM) (a) and (b): The National
Bureau of Soil Survey and Land use Plan-
ning of Indian Council of Agricultural Re-
search and the State Department of Agricul-
ture, Government of Orissa have completed
soil survey, C classification and mapping of
soil resource of Orissa in 1992. Two one
dominant soil units in the three major re-
gions of Orissa namely; Hill range, Eastern
plateau and coastal plains have been iden-
tified their characteristics have been brought
cut in detail. Besides, so testing in the state
is regularly done by 11 State Soil Testing lab
oratories to identify; nutrient status of soil for
preparing fertilise doses recommendations
for farmers.

(c): The Government of India is imple-
menting a Centrally sponsor Scheme of
Intensive Cotton Development Programme
in agro limaticall suitable areas of important
cotton growing states including Orissa.
Under the scheme the financial assistance
is provided for distribute of seeds, organising
demonstrations for improved technology and
supply of Plant Protection Chemicals and
equipments etc.

**Transportation of Foodgrains by
Rail**

4620. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON-
SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRI-
BUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the practice of bringing
foodgrains by rail to New Cooch Behar
Station has been stopped by the Food Cor-
poration of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure regular
supply of foodgrains to New Cooch Behar
and other districts of West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON-
SUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
KAMALUDDIN AHMED) . (a) to (c). It has
been reported by the Food Corporation of
India that they are presently not utilising
New Cooch Behar railway station because
of industrial relations problem. However,
FCI supplies for New Cooch Behar and
other districts of North West Bengal are
being made from New Jalpaigun, Jalpaigun,
Alipurduar, Malda etc.

Energy Consumption

4621 SHRI SUDARSAN RAY
CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of RAIL-
WAYS be pleased to state the share of
Railways in energy consumption in the coun-
try in respect of coal, diesel and electricity
separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C.
LENKA): The share of Railways in the total
energy consumption in the country in re-
spect of coal, diesel and electricity sepa-
rately for the year 1991-92 is furnished as
under.

	<i>Consumption on Railway</i>	<i>Railways share as percentage to the countrys' total consumption/despatch (provisional)</i>
Coal :	4.16 Million tonnes	1.9
Diesel : (HSD oil only)	1.76 Million Kilotres.	6.4
Electricity :	6.18 Billion Kilotts hours	2.7

[Translation]

Ambalappuzha over bridge

4622. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Ambalappuzha over bridge (Kerala) construction:

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) the percentage of work done and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Contract for the construction of Raod over bridge was awarded in November, 1992. The contractor has not commenced work as yet. Action has already been initiated to terminate the contract. After termination, a new agency for execution of work would be fixed.

(b) Cost of work is Rs. 2.5 crores. Expenditure till now is nil.

(c) The percentage of work done is nil. The date of completion is approximately 15 months after the contract is fixed.

Upgradation of Kendriya Vidyalayas

4623. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some Kendriya Vidyalayas are imparting education upto matric level only;

(b) if so, the names of those Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise,

(c) whether the Government propose to upgrade those Vidyalayas at (+) plus 2 level; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 193 Kendriya Vidyalayas which are upto Class X at Present. The State-wise break-up given in the Statement attached.

(c) and (d) No Kendriya Vidyalayas is normally required to provide facilities for all class levels in the same year of its opening. The general practice is to initially provide facilities upto Primary classes and thereafter gradually upgrade the school to cater to