

[English]

cies as on June, 1993;

Commercial Utilisation of Surplus Railway Land

1302. SHRI. SOBHANA DRESSWARA RAOVADDE: will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The Latest stage of the scheme to commercially utilise the surplus land available with the Railways;

(b) the extent of the land proposed to be commercially utilised;

(d) the reasons for the delay in implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (d) The proposal is still under consideration of Government.

[Translation]

Storage Facilities for Foodgrains

1303. SHRI N. S. RAMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) Whether due to excess procurement of foodgrains, there is a lack of adequate storing arrangement in the Government warehouses;

(b) if not, the total capacity of storage facility available with the Government agen-

(c) the capacity of the rented storage out of them;

(d) whether the foodgrains are lying in open at many places in the country; and

(e) if so, the names of the places where it was lying in open alongwith quantity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY FOOD (SHRI KIALP NATH RAI)

(a) The all time record level of procurement of 128.2 lakh tonnes during the 193—94 Rabi Marketing season coupled with the less than usual offtake under PDS during the first 6 months of 1993, had led to certain short term problems of storage. This problem has been overcome by hiring of additional storage space both in the procuring and in the consuming regions.

(b) and (c). The total storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India for storage of foodgrain as on 1. 6. 1993 was 21.33 million tonnes. out of this, about 8 million tonnes capacity was hired/ rented by Food Corporation of India from different agencies.

(d) and (e). In exigent situations, Food Corporation of India resorts to CAP Covered and Plinth) storage. This type of storage is considered to be scientific and foodgrains can be preserved safely. A statement showing the State—wise CAP capacity alongwith quantity stored as on 1. 6. 1993 is attached.