

following projects which are in progress in Bihar are indicated against each:—

Restoration	Progress	Target
Bagaha-Chhitauni Rail-cum-road bridge	80%	31.12.96
Gauge Conversion		
1. Muzaffarpur-Raxaul	55%	31.3.95
2. Samastipur-Darbhanga	11%	1995-96
3. Chhapra-Aunrihar	48%	1995-96
4. Sagauli-Narkatiaganj	5%	1996-97
Doubling		
1. Mughalsarai-Sonnagar 3rd line	33%	1996-97
2. Garwa Road-Sonnagar (Ph. II)	100%	30.6.95
3. Aluabari-Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri-Ambari Falakata	70%	1995-96

(c) The progress is being monitored at the highest level and funds and materials as required to suit the target date are being provided to the Railway.

NCERT Books

1045. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of N.C.E.R.T. books in the market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether books have been provided to various States during 1993-94 in proportion to the requirement of all the schools affiliated with Central Board of Education; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (K.M. SELJA): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Control Room on Public Distribution System

1046. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR:
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM PAL SINGH:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to set up District-wise control room to monitor the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to State Government in this regard and other suggestions made in improving the work of Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details of the same;

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) the number of persons likely to be benefitted by the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has requested the State Government/UT Administration to set up district-wise control rooms where the consumers could report non-availability of PDS commodities and malpractices by Fair Price Shopkeepers and by unscrupulous traders. They have been requested to give wide publicity through electronic media and press releases, the details of the control rooms and their officers. They have also been requested to ensure extensive dissemination of information about the quantities and prices at which such essential commodities are being made available through electronic media. Since the operational responsibility of implementing the public Distribution System rests with the State Government/UT Administrations the details of such control rooms districtwise are not maintained by the Central Government. As per present policy of the Central Government, coverage under PDS is universal and therefore the proposed measures are for the benefit of the entire population of the country.

[English]

Liberalisation Policy

1047. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has made any suggestions in regard to dairy sector being covered under the liberalisation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is of the view that although the principle of delicensing is an appropriate one, the situation of the concerned sectors requires to be carefully considered. In case of the Dairy industry, they consider, a phased transition from licencing to delicensing to be more appropriate so that orderly introduction of an effective milk and milk product marketing order is made possible.