

in view the traffic projections and the availability of resources. Work on Chindwara- Parasia section (28 kms.) is likely to be completed by March '96.

(c) The priority of lines taken up for conversion is based on the operational/strategic requirements to the Railways and the nation.

EXPORT BY FCI

7803. **Shri Pankaj Chowdhary :**
Shri Amar Pal Singh :
Shri Brijbhushan Sharan Singh :
Shri Satya Dee Singh :
Prof. Ummareddy Venkateswarlu :
Shri S.M. Laljan Basha :
Shri Gopi Nath Gajapathi :

Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India propose to enter the international market through the export of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Roller Flour Mills Federation of India (RFMFI) has expressed its dissatisfaction over the entry of Food Corporation of India in the export field;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Minister of Food (Shri Ajit Singh) : (a) and (b) In view of the comfortable stock position of foodgrains in the central pool, Government have authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export non-durum wheat up to 2.5 million tonnes (within the export ceiling of 2.5 million tonnes) fine and superfine-rice from public stocks upto 2.00 million tonnes during 1995-96 at export/sale prices as may be fixed by the High level Committee constituted for the purpose under the chairmanship of the Chairman, FCI. While no direct export of wheat by FCI has taken place, it has entered into an agreement with Nepal Food Corporation for supply of 30,000 metric tonnes of raw rice.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Commerce or Ministry of Food has not received any such representation so far.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

DELHI ZOO

7804. **Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad :** Will the Minister of Environment and Forests be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Stagnant Water threat to Zoo inmates" appearing in The Pioneer dated April 21, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the stagnant water pools in animal

enclosures are posing grave threat to the animals and birds in Delhi Zoo;

(c) if so, the reasons for stagnant water pool in animal enclosures; and

(d) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Government to provide free flowing water to Zoo inmates?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Kemal Nath) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Water in the moats around animal enclosures flows at a very low pace due to less water supply, and improper drainage outside the National Zoological Park. Although potable water is provided to animals and birds, the animals sometimes drink water from the moats. The matter was discussed in a interdepartmental meeting held recently and steps for corrective action have been initiated.

BACKWARD CLASS CELL IN BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY

7805. **Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri :** Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had directed the Banaras Hindu University to establish a Backward Class Cell;

(b) if so, the background for giving such direction;

(c) whether the Cell has been established and started working; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja) : (a) No. S

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

FOODGRAINS STOCK

7806. **Shri Jagmeet Singh Brar :**
Dr. Chinta Mo. an .
Shri Nawal Kishore Rai :

Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than the annual requirement of foodgrains of the country is likely to be stored in the Godowns of Food Corporation of India during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof foodgrain-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government have contemplated various measures to reduce the said additional quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the quantum of foodgrains proposed to be