

ces permitting, Government propose to construct more quarters. This programme will go a long way to providing residential accommodation to the employees and reducing the waiting period.

### Levy Sugar to Rajasthan

6642. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total levy sugar allotted to Rajasthan from January to June, 1980 month-wise;

(b) the actual quantity lifted from the factories and reached Rajasthan respectively in these months; and

(c) whether there was a great deal of shortfall in the quantity delivered to Rajasthan in these months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) The figures are as under:—

Month	(Tonnes)	Quantity of levy sugar allotted
January, 1980		12,779.0
February, 1980		12,778.8
March, 1980		12,782.0
April, 1980		12,782.0
May, 1980		12,779.0
June, 1980		12,778.8

(b) and (c). The Rajasthan Government are themselves arranging in lifting of sugar from the factories through their own nominees. The quantity of sugar lifted from the factories and reached Rajasthan by them during the period January to June 1980 was 61,055.1 tonnes and 53,758.8 tonnes respectively. The short lifting

by Rajasthan Government was mainly due to difficulty experienced by them in the availability of adequate number of wagons on North Eastern Railway for despatch of sugar from Central Uttar Pradesh factories. This matter was taken up with the concerned railway authorities from time to time and the allocations of levy sugar for Rajasthan for the months of July and August have also been made from the factories in Maharashtra besides the local factories in the State.

### Postal and Telephone Facilities in Rural Areas

6643 SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for expansion of postal and telephone facilities in the rural areas;

(b) whether Government consider the desirability of covering all Gram Panchayat headquarters and villages with a population of at least 2000, with post offices and connect all block headquarters with telephones; and

(c) if so, the details of the phased programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) The plan for 1980—85 is under the tentative Plan for rural areas are as follows for the 1980—85 Plan.

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| (a) Opening of new post offices . . . . .  | 8,000  |
| (b) Provision of counter facilities in villages through Mobile P. Os. . . . .  | 10,000 |
| (c) Installation of letter boxes. . . . .  | 10,000 |
| (d) Appointment of Extra Departmental Agents for clearance of letterboxes and strengthening the daily delivery scheme. . . . . | 10,000 |
| (e) Provision of public telephones. . . . .  | 20,000 |

(b) and (c). Villages with Gram Panchayat headquarters and villages having a population of 2000 or more are considered eligible for opening of a post office subject to the condi-