

**Performance of new schemes to Supply Foodgrains at subsidised Prices to Tribals**

20. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of their new scheme to supply foodgrains at subsidised prices to tribals;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend it to other distressed sections as well; and

(c) the details regarding the quantity of varieties of foodgrains being supplied to the target groups ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : Yes, Sir; the working of the scheme is generally reported to be satisfactory in most of the States.

(b) Additional support is being provided to the supplementary Nutrition Programme for young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers, and the coverage of the Rural Employment Programmes expanded.

(c) Both wheat and rice are being supplied at specially subsidized prices in the tribal areas covered by the new scheme. As on 31st January, 1986, a quantity of 72,518 tonnes of wheat and 54,126 tonnes of rice had been issued by the Food Corporation of India to the various States/ Union Territories for distribution under the scheme.

**Fluctuations in foreign exchange reserve**

21. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's foreign exchange reserves have shown much fluctuations during 1985:

(b) the average level of foreign exchange reserves during the year and the maximum and minimum recorded during the period, with dates there-of; and

(c) the total commercial borrowings from foreign markets as distinct from institutional or inter-Governmental borrowing during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The average level of foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) as at the end of each month during 1985 was Rs. 6649.08 crores. The maximum and minimum recorded during this period were as follows :—

Date	(Rs. in crores)
1.2.85	5974.24
10.5.85	7247.06

(c) The approvals given for external commercial borrowings during the current financial year upto January, 1986 add upto Rs. 1200 30 crores.

**Deposits in Rural Banks**

22. PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts of deposits in rural banks during the last two years, year-wise, and the amount of deposits estimated during the current financial year; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase bank deposits from rural areas in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The deposits mobilised by the Regional Rural Banks as at the end of June, 1984 and June, 1985 are indicated below :

As at the end of	Number of RRBs	Amount of deposits (Rs. in lakhs)
June, 1984	162	77434
June, 1985	183	105704