

to be collected by the Fact Finding Committee appointed by Government.

**Off take from F.C.I. stocks**

152. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-take from the F.C.I. stocks has come down recently to half of what it was at the same period last year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) No, Sir. The average monthly off-take of foodgrains from F.C.I. stocks during the months of January to April, 1977 was about 7.80 lakh tonnes as compared to the average monthly off-take of 5.07 lakh tonnes during the same period of 1976.

(b) Does not arise.

**Soil and Water Management in Ayacut, Kerala**

153. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot project for soil and water Management in the Ayacuts of Kuttiyadi and Mavattupzha irrigation projects has been forwarded by the Kerala Government to the Union Government for its approval; and

(b) if so, the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since Kuttiyadi and Mavattupzha Irrigation Projects have not been taken up for integrated Command Area Development during the Fifth Five Year Plan, the pilot projects have not been sanctioned.

**Storage Capacity for Foodgrains**

154. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the storage capacity constructed so far for storing procured foodgrains, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains stored in the open and for how long they are lying at various places; and

(c) the constructions on hand and proposals for new capacity?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The foodgrains stored in open by FCI are to the extent of 54.56 lakh tonnes and by CWC 3.67 lakh tonnes. These stocks have been stored approximately for periods ranging upto 1-1/2 years.

(c) The programme of construction of additional capacity during the current year is 17.94 lakh tonnes by FCI and about 5 lakh tonnes by CWC. Buffer storage godowns to the extent of 3.2 million tonnes capacity are proposed to be built in the near future with the assistance of the World Bank.