

at any other suitable place in 1976, 1977 and 1978 or 1979 alongwith the names of places;

(c) if so, the details of the accommodations offered with date;

(d) the decision of the Central Government on this offer; and

(e) the likely date by which the separat P & T Circle would be created for Himachal Pradesh?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEV SAI):** (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal was accepted in principle in 1975.

(b) to (d). The Himachal Pradesh Government had offered accommodation on rent for P & T Circle Hqrs. at Simla in 1976. The offer was, however, not accepted at that time. The State Government had again offered accommodation in 1976 at Jogindernagar. The offer could not be accepted as it was decided to locate Circle Headquarters at the State Headquarters only to maintain effective liaison with the State Government.

(e) Separate P & T Circle for Himachal Pradesh would be created as soon as suitable accommodation is made available by the Himachal Pradesh Government at Simla.

**Post of Commissioner, Central School Organisation**

10518. **SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of the Commissioner, Central School Organisation has not been filled up for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL**

**WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI):** (a) Yes, Sir. The post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi has been lying vacant since the 25th December, 1977. The Deputy Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, has however, been given additional charge of post of Commissioner also.

(b) It has not been possible to find a suitable person to man the post although action to fill it had been initiated before the post actually fell vacant. Efforts are continuing to find a suitable person.

**Nizamabad Telephone Exchange as auto exchange**

10519. **SHRI K. VIJYA BHASKARA REDDY:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of telephone connections operating in Nizamabad Telephone exchange at present and the number of operators manning the exchange per shift;

(b) whether the Government are aware of public complaints about unsatisfactory service in the exchange; and

(c) the reasons for delay in converting this exchange into Auto exchange?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEV SAI):** (a) 1. Number of telephone connection operating in Nizamabad Telephone Exchange at present is 1518.

2. Number of operators manning each shift is as follows:—

Duty hours	No. of Operators
(i) 0010—0620 . . . . .	3
(ii) 0620—1240 . . . . .	6
(iii) 0700—1430 . . . . .	4
(iv) 0800—1520 . . . . .	6
(v) 0920—1630 . . . . .	6
(vi) 1000—1300 . . . . .	6
(vii) 1800—2100 . . . . .	6
(viii) 1000—1720 . . . . .	6
(ix) 1340—2100 . . . . .	6
(x) 1540—2300 . . . . .	6
(xi) 1640—0000 . . . . .	8

(b) Yes, Sir. Authorities are aware of the complaints from the public and action is being taken to improve the service.

(c) Due to acute shortage of auto equipment, there is delay in converting Nizamabad manual exchange into auto exchange.

**Purchasing centres by F.C.I. in Nizamabad district during last Kharif Season**

10520. SHRI ABDUL LATEEF: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of purchasing centres operated by F.C.I. in Nizamabad district in A.P. in last Kharif season for the purchase of Paddy and the total quantity procured at each centre variety-wise;

(b) the number of new bags supplied by FCI and number of bags brought by farmers due to shortage of new bags with reference to each centre and the reasons for non-supply of bags; and

(c) the price paid for the new bags by F.C.I. as against ruling price of these bags in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Food Corporation of India operated 22 centres in

Nizamabad District during last Kharif season for purchase of paddy and procured a total quantity of 27,716 tonnes of Paddy. Statements indicating quantity of paddy procured at each centre and the variety-wise position of paddy procured in the District are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4471/79]

(b) In some pockets, actual procurement had exceeded the target and some of the purchase centres had run short of gunnies. Arrangements for diverting gunnies to the needy purchase centres were made but before the gunnier reached the centres, some of the farmers were asked to deliver the paddy in their own gunnies for which they were paid the price along with the price of the grain.

Information in regard to the number of new bags supplied by Food Corporation of India and the number of bags brought by farmers is not readily available.

(c) The cultivators were re-imbursed the price for new gunnies fixed by the Government of India for the quarter ending 31-12-1978 @ Rs. 3.75 per bag of 100 kg. and Rs. 3.20 per bag of 75 kg. and for the quarter ending 31-3-1979, @ Rs. 4.16 per bag of 100 kg. and Rs. 3.75 per bag of 75 kg.

**Hindi Officer and Hindi Translator in D. M. S.**

10521. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8091 on the 23rd April, 1979 regarding posts sanctioned for Hindi work in D.M.S. and state:

(a) date on which the reference had been made to the Ministry of Home Affairs for filling up the post of Hindi Officer and Junior Translator on ad hoc basis and the date on which their advice was received in D.M.S. and state:

(b) whether the Government are aware that these posts are required to