

(a) whether Government propose to open new post offices in rural areas during 1990-91,

(b) if so, the names of villages in Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar districts of Gujarat where new post offices are proposed to be opened, and

(c) when these post offices are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) There is a programme of extension of postal network in Annual Plan 1990-91

(b) and (c) An evaluation of the Seventh Plan programme has been undertaken on the basis of which the norms for opening of post offices in the Eighth Plan are to be formulated. New rural post offices to be opened in Gujarat as in other States are to be determined as soon as the revised norms are fixed.

Improvement of Muzaffarpur-Piprakothi-Raxaul Sections of National Highways in Bihar

3618 SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the steps being taken to improve the condition of Muzaffarpur-Piprakothi-Raxaul section of National Highways in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN) Muzaffarpur-Piprakothi-Raxaul section in Bihar, which consists of NH 28A and part of NH 28, is generally in traffic worthy condition. Apart from normal maintenance and repairs, during the last three years improvement works to the extent of Rs 510.27 lakhs were sanctioned for this section and most of these are in progress. Apart from this, flood damage

repairs works amounting to Rs. 20.29 lakhs were approved for this stretch during the last two years.

[English]

Export of Dairy Products by National Dairy Development Board

3619 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether NDDB has submitted a proposal for export of dairy products and import of edible oils against exports,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) (a) to (c) Government have approved the proposal whereby the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. is to undertake the import of one lakh tonnes of palmolein for NDDB against foreign exchange earned by export of dairy products by NDDB.

Applications for Employment on Compassionate Grounds in Delhi Administration

3620 SHRI NANDLAL MEENA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether large number of applications for employment on compassionate grounds are pending in various departments of Delhi Administration,

(b) if so, since when these applications are pending and the reasons therefor, department-wise, and