

[*Translation*]

**Concession to Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons for Telephone Connections**

7. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of concession being given to the blind and physically handicapped persons for providing telephones to them on priority basis;

(b) whether the Government propose to give this facility free of cost to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) According to the existing rules blind and physically handicapped persons are not included in any priority category for provision of telephone connections.

(b) and (d). No, Sir. However, 25% concession in rental is allowed on non-residential telephones (not exceeding two telephones) in institutions like homes for the

aged, infirm, spastics, handicapped, deaf-dumb-mute persons, orphanaged and voluntary organisations for tribal welfare and other like institutions or other organisations recognised by the Government.

[*English*]

**Supply of Standard Fertilizers and Pesticides to Farmers in Punjab**

8. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of samples of fertilizers, and pesticides taken in Punjab during the last year;

(b) the result of such samples/tests;

(c) the details of authorised or unauthorised dealers caught; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure supply of standard fertilizers and pesticides to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAISHAH): (a) to (c). The Table below indicates the number of samples of fertilisers and pesticides drawn the result of their analysis and action taken during the year 1989-90.

		<i>Fertilisers</i>	<i>Pesticides</i>
1.	No. of samples drawn	1997	945
	(a) State laboratory	19	190
	(b) Central Laboratory		
2.	No. of samples found non-standard/ misbranded		
	(a) State Laboratory	93	75