

Losses in Rs./Lakhs

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Others	(+) 41	(+) 318	(-) 576
Total	(-) 1639	(-) 2369	(-) 2975

Performance ('000MT)

Year	Ammonia	Urea	Amm. Sul.	Amm. Nit.	Nit Acid	ABC
1987-88	208.5	271.4	44.0	12.6	39.3	2.1
1988-89	209.4	268.8	57.7	16.1	44.2	2.4
1989-90	179.90	209.2	54.2	16.5	50.3	2.5

(b) to (c). During the current year, the performance of the Sindri unit has been overall unsatisfactory on account of inadequate supply and poor quality of coal, leakages in the air separation unit and other equipment failure. Steps have been taken to improve the supply of good quality coal, repairs of equipment and revamping of captive power plant. The Board of FCI has also decided to investement about Rs. 14.77 crores in the Phase-I revamping of the Sindri unit.

Loss in Department of Post

12. PROF. VIJAYKUMAR MALHOTRA:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered by the Department of Posts in the year 1989-90 as compared with those during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any likelihood of loss during the current financial year in spite

of steep hike in postal rates;

(c) if so, the specific reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to bring in efficiency and revamp the Department of Posts to mitigate losses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) The losses suffered by the Department of Posts in the year 1989-90 as compared to those during the last three years is as follows:

	<i>Rs./crores</i>
1989-90	262.99
1988-89	169.73
1987-88	190.87
1986-87	216.43

(b) Anticipated loss during 1990-91 = Rs. 161.86 crores.

(c) The losses are mainly due to the fact that the steady rise in the operational cost and increase in the expenditure on development attributable to expansion of postal network are not fully reflected in the postal tariff fixed for the various services.

(d) Efforts are continuously made to contain the working expenses by adopting strict economy measures and expenditure control as also by simplification of procedure wherever possible.

[*Translation*]

Milk Powder Plants

13. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of milk powder plants,

the annual consumption and demand of milk powder in the country, State, wise;

(b) the number of plants functioning to their full capacity and of those lying idle;

(c) whether the demand by the State Government for improving the functioning of these plants as also the demand for more durable tetra pack plants have been pending with the National Dairy Development Board; and

(d) if so, since when and the remedial measures taken by the Board so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVILAL):

(a) Fifty one milk powder plants in the co-operative sector under Operation Flood (OF) programme established in the country state-wise are as under:

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>No. of milk powder plants</i>
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6
2.	Bihar	2
3.	Gujarat	9
4.	Haryana	2
5.	Karnataka	3
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2
7.	Maharashtra	5
8.	Punjab	7
9.	Rajasthan	7