

[English]

Computerisation of Mail Sorting

41. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to computerise mail sorting in some cities;

(b) if so, the name of cities where computerise mail sorting has started;

(c) whether some more cities are proposed to be brought under computerisation during the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State wise; and

(e) how many cities in Karnataka where computerise mail sorting would be introduced during Eighth Plan and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, in seven cities.

(b) None at present. The steps to start this have been taken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Bangalore only.

[Translation]

Consumption of Fertilisers

42. DR. CHINTA MOHAN:

SHRIPHOOLCHANDVERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of fertilizers per hectares in the country is very low as compared to the other countries of the world; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The average consumption of fertilisers in the country is provisionally estimated to be 49.7Kg./ha. during 1987-88 and 62.4 Kg./ha. during 1988-89. The fertilisers consumption per hectare in India is lower than in many of the developed countries. It is, however, higher than in Australia and Canada and many other countries.

(b) The low level of fertilisers consumption is because about 70% of the gross cropped area is unirrigated and, therefore, less fertiliser is used by farmers. Rainfed areas also exhibit lesser cultivation of fertiliser responsive high yielding varieties, in turn resulting in low fertiliser consumption.

[English]

Effects of Implementation of Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects in Madhya Pradesh

43. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural and other land of Madhya Pradesh likely to be submerged due to the implementation of Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects;