

(b) whether the Government are aware of steep increase in the prices of pulses; if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to increase production of pulses and to reduce their prices?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The total production of pluses during 1988-89 was 138.49 lakh tonnes and in 1989-90, it is 126.15 lakh tonnes.

(b) The wholesale Price Index (Base 1981-82=100) of Pulses has increased from 212.2 in November, 1989 to 237.3 in November, 1990. This shows an increase of 11.8 percent during the year.

(c) To increase the production of pulses, the Government of India is assisting State Governments through two projects namely, national Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and Special Foodgrain Production Programme, Pulses (SFPP). Under these programmes, the following steps have been taken to increase the production of pulses:-

- (i) introduction of pluses corps under irrigated farming systems;
- (ii) Adoption of Double/Multiple/Inter-cropping practices;
- (iii) Bringing additional areas under cultivation of pulses through the introduction of short-duration varieties;
- (iv) increased use of inputs like improved seeds, adoption of plant protection measures, increased use of

phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture.

Tourism Affected in States of Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir

194. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism in the States of Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir has been badly hit due to disturbances during the last three months;

(b) if so, the number of cancellations of tours from foreign countries, country-wise;

(c) the total loss of foreign exchange due to cancellation of tours by foreign tourists; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage tourism in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): It is, however, not possible to quantify the number of cancellations and loss in foreign exchange as the travel trade is primarily in the private sector.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in the States include marketing and promotion of new destinations and attractions.

Rehabilitation of Indians Displaced from Kuwait

195. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians displaced from Kuwait since Iraq's invasion on Kuwait,

who have been rehabilitated by the Government so far; and

(b) the total amount of expenditure on their rehabilitation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Government of India have not so far rehabilitated the repatriated Indians from Iraq and Kuwait.

(b) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Expert Committee on Excellence in Postal Services

196. SHRI SHANKAR SINGH
VAGHELA
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when were the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Excellence in Postal services in respect of Organisational Structure, Service Quality, finances and Level of Technology received by the Government;

(b) when was the report of the Expert Committee presented to Parliament;

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted by the Government and their stages of implementation in respect of each cat-

egory;

(d) the details of the recommendations not accepted by the Government and reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction and response of the Trade Unions of the Department to these recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) The Expert Committee on Excellence in Postal services submitted its interim report on 31st December, 1988 and the final report on 30th September, 1989, which inter alia, deal with the organisational structure, service quality, finance and level of technology.

(b) The reports of the Expert Committee were not presented to Parliament.

(c) and (d). 36 recommendations were made by the Expert committee on Excellence in Postal services on the subjects referred to in (a) above. The stages of implementation in respect of 16 recommendations are indicated in the statement enclosed. The other recommendations are at various stages of evaluation.

(e) the copies of the reports have been made available to the service unions and their views have been invited.