

(d) Does not arise.  
[*English*]

**Assistance to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council**

5513. SHRI AJIT PANJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to sanction any amount of money directly to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council;

(b) if so, the amount of money to be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons for Government not considering such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). The Central assistance whether in the form of grants-in-aid or normal plant allocation is sanctioned to the State Government concerned. Therefore, the question of sanctioning any amount directly to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council has not been considered. An Annual Plan for the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council as part of the State Annual Plan of West Bengal was finalised for the year 1989-90 by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Government.

[*Translation*]

**Fixation of Support Price for Mentha**

5514 SHRI HARGOVIND SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government provides any subsidy to the farmers for growing mentha;

(b) whether the Commission for Agri-

cultural Costs and Prices has fixed the support price for mentha; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, when the oil of mentha is used in chemicals and the prices of mentha oil fluctuates in the market?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Being a minor crop grown in certain locations only the mentha crop is not presently covered under the Government's price policy for agricultural commodities. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) therefore, does not make any recommendation regarding price policy for mentha.

[*English*]

**Commemorative Postal Stamp on Chaudhury Charan Singh**

5515. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI  
YAPPA:

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for issue of a special commemorative postage stamps on Chaudhury Charan Singh, former Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). It is proposed to issue a commemorative postage stamps on Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Prime Minister, on 29.5.90.