

[English]

**Opening of Divisional Post Offices at Every District Headquarters**

2644. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of District Headquarters without Divisional Post Offices;

(b) whether there is any proposal to have a Divisional Post Office at every District Headquarter; and

(c) if so, by when the Divisional Post Offices will be opened at the remaining District Headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) There is no concept of Divisional Post Office in the Department of Posts. The number of District Headquarters without Head Post Offices is 64.

(b) and (c). Certain proposals for opening of Head Post Offices at District Headquarters having no Head Post Office were received but the same were not found justified administratively and according to the prescribed departmental norms.

**Criteria of Determining the Cost of Production of Agricultural Produce**

2645. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the elements (variables and non-variables) taken into consideration in determining the cost of production of agricultural produce of wheat, paddy, oilseeds, pulses, cotton, jute and sugarcane by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices; and

(b) the percentage of each such element in the total cost of production of each commodity so determined?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The elements taken into consideration in determining the cost of production of agricultural produce of wheat, paddy, oilseeds, pulses, cotton, jute and sugarcane are Human Labour, Bullock Labour, Machine Labour, Seed, Fertilisers and Manure, Insecticides, Irrigation charges, Interest on Working Capital, Rental Value of owned Land, Rent paid for Leased in land, Land Revenue and Taxes, Depreciation Charges and Interest on Fixed Capital.

(b) The percentage of each such element in the total cost of production of each commodity for the latest years for which the data is available is given in Statement I, II, III and IV below.