

Punjab and Rajasthan from 1 July, 1989, if so, the details thereof,

(b) whether Government propose to start joint patrolling in other sectors also and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) (a) The BSF and Pak Rangers have taken up simultaneous coordinated patrolling on the Indo-Pak border along Punjab and Rajasthan from 1st July, 1989. It was agreed that both sides will send an agreed number of patrols on each day and will cover areas identified by the two Forces, the detailed programmes for simultaneous coordinated patrolling will be jointly worked out by the Battalion Commandant of BSF and Wing Commanders of Pak Rangers on a fortnightly basis. The patrol will be briefed and de-briefed jointly by the concerned Coy Commanders. The progress will be reviewed from time to time.

(b) and (c) The simultaneous co-ordinated patrolling has been extended to some more areas in Gujarat Sector from September 1989 onwards.

[*Translation*]

Famine Conditions in Bhandara District of Maharashtra

2709 DR KHUSHAL PARASRAM BOPCHE Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that Bhandara district in Maharashtra is facing famine conditions resulting from drought,

(b) whether Union Government have received any request for relief from State Government of Maharashtra, and

(c) whether there is any proposal to send a Central team to take stock of the situation?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) (a) No report of famine like conditions resulting from drought in Bhandara district of Maharashtra has been received from the State Government

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Opening of Office at Garhi Amritpuri 'B' New Delhi

2710 SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is no permanent post office for the residents of Garhi, Amritpuri 'B' and A and Sant Nagar East of Kailash in New Delhi and

(b) if so, the time by which permanent post office is likely to be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K P UNNIKRI SHNAN) (a) There are post offices in Sant Nagar and East of Kailash but not in Garhi Amritpuri.

(b) There is no proposal at present for a post office at Garhi Amritpuri in view of the fact that there are other post offices at distances of 1 to 1.5 kms from the said area.

[*English*]

Availability of Chemical Fertilizers to Small Farmers

2711 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state