

**Sugarcane Seed Nursery Programmes**

2783. SHRI B. RAJARAVI VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a scheme for implementing sugarcane seed nursery programmes scientifically in different States;

(b) whether it is proposed to be implemented by the Central Sugarcane Institute State Research Stations and sugar factories jointly;

(c) whether this scheme would also be implemented in Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mills Limited, Udumalpet in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) This Scheme consists of three major programmes viz.

1. There Tier Seed Production Programme to demonstrate the effectiveness of healthy and better seed on productivity;

2. Crash programme to demonstrate initially the effectiveness of selection, roguing etc. on quality of seed; and

3 Adaptive trials to prove the effectiveness of the use of healthy seed material and spaced transplanting technique on the Farmer's fields.

**Introduction of Speed Post Service at Udumalpet**

2784. SHRI B. RAJARAVI VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce Speed Post Services at Udumalpet and Pollachi in Coimbatore district;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Air connection, staff requirements, anticipated traffic and commercial viability are the major constraints in expansion of Speed Post network.

[Translation]

**Arrest of Government Employees in Jammu and Kashmir**

2785. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central and State Government employees in Jammu and Kashmir arrested on charges of their involvement in secessionist and anti-national activities during the last three months;

(b) whether they included some high ranking officials also; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?