

Saw Mill in Andaman Islands

*675. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
 { Shri Raghunath Singh:
 { Sardar A. S. Saigal:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 8 feet Band Saw Mill at Chatham, Port Blair does not turn out correct size material; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make suitable changes in the working of that Mill?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No, Sir. The eight feet Band Saw Mill at Chatham turns out correct size material.

(b) Does not arise.

Post Cards and Money Order Forms in Regional Languages

*676. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision has been taken for printings post cards and money order forms in regional languages;

(b) whether the States have been asked to undertake printing of the same; and

(c) when the decision is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) A policy decision has been taken by the Government to print certain forms used by the public including Money Order forms in the regional languages. This decision however, could not be implemented due to want of equipment for the purpose with the Printing and Stationery Department. As regards post-cards the Government have decided to print the same Bilingually in Hindi and English only. Due to various practical difficulties it is not

possible to print the same in regional languages.

(b) No.

(c) It will take some time when the Printing and Stationery Department is able to take up the work.

Earthquake

*677. { Shri S. A. Mehdi:
 { Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
 { Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether earthquake shocks were felt in Delhi, Srinagar, Chandigarh and other places on the 19th February, 1960;

(b) if so, what was the intensity thereof at these places; and

(c) whether any damage to property has been reported?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). A shock of mild intensity with epicentre in Hindukush region was recorded on the 19th February, 1960 by the various Seismological Observatories of the India Meteorological Department, including one at Delhi. There is no observatory at Srinagar or Chandigarh but the shocks are reported to have been felt at these places.

(c) According to Press reports, a few cracks appeared in the walls of some buildings in Srinagar due to this tremor. There has been no report of any damage at other places.

Wheat from U.S.A.

*678. { Shri P. G. Deb:
 { Shri P. C. Borooah:
 { Shri Bishwanath Roy:
 { Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
 { Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a wheat consignment from the U.S.A.