

(e) policy of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Delhi Administration has reported that there were 26 IMFL retail vends in Delhi, when the retail trade was taken over from private hands

in the year 1979-80.

(b) There are 146 retail shops in Delhi at present.

(c) The number of retail shops opened during the last three years is as under:

Financial Year	1989-90	—	6 shops
	1990-91	—	10 shops
	1991-92	—	12 shops

(d) No such target has fixed by the Administration.

(e) The opening of new retail vends depends upon the requirement.

Brackish Water Fish Farming

*444. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted the private sector to exploit the field of brackish water fish farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) There has been no ban on the private sector taking up brackishwater fish farming subject to land use policy of the State Governments and environmental consideration.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Autonomous District Councils

*445. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has decided to grant more legislative, administrative and financial powers to the autonomous district councils in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hill districts;

(b) if so, whether such delegation of power by the State Governments to the district councils in autonomous districts calls for the approval of the Union Government or constitutional amendment; and

(c) if so, whether the necessary steps have taken by the Government of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). The matter is under examination.

Coconut Development Board

*446 DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the Eighth Five Year Plan proposal of the Coconut Development Board;

(b) if so, the total outlay for plan and non-plan programmes;