

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS*[English]***Improvement In Postal Services**

*614. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been contemplated recently to improve the postal services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a cell consisting of eminent persons is proposed to be set up to monitor the postal efficiency; and

(d) if so, the likely composition thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are some of the contemplated measures to improve the postal services:

(i) To motivate the postal employees, it is proposed to give the best postman award on quarterly basis for each postal division in the country.

(ii) To take steps to improve the stamp impressions on articles of mail.

(iii) To monitor the punctuality and efficiency of the service periodically.

(iv) To instal the multi-purpose computerised counter machines at 4000 post office counters.

(v) Monitoring the delivery in the rural areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Visit of Official Delegation to Nepal

*615. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level official delegation led by the Cabinet Secretary visited Nepal recently;

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit; and

(c) the outcome of the talks held between the delegation and the Nepalese leaders?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level Task Force was pursuant to a decision taken during the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Nepal in February 1991. The High Level Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

(c) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed including trade, transit, control of unauthorised trade, water resources development and industrial cooperation. The talks will continue at the subsequent meetings.

Expenditure on Publicity by Delhi Police

*616. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: