

Islanders due to lack of postal facilities; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take immediate action to introduce this facility in the Islands?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) There is no proposal to establish a sub-Post office in the Islands but seven seasonal Extra Departmental Branch Offices are already functioning there.

(b) and (c). There was a demand for provision of Money Order facilities in the Islands and necessary orders have since been issued.

Marketing Societies

2002. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary marketing societies set up under the Second Plan period, State-wise; and

(b) the number of societies that are to be set up during 1962-63, State-wise?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) According to information available, 1858 primary marketing societies were organised/reorganised during the Second Plan as under:

Andhra Pradesh	170
Assam	133
Bihar	220
Maharashtra & Gujerat	267
Jammu & Kashmir	40
Kerala	35
Madhya Pradesh	163
Madras	83
Mysore	161
Orissa	30
Punjab	136
Rajasthan	103
Uttar Pradesh	170
West Bengal	115
Delhi	4
Himachal Pradesh	17

Manipur	1
Tripura	6
Andamans	1
Pondichery	3
TOTAL :	1858

(b) The number of societies to be set up during 1962-63 State-wise is as follows:—

Andhra Pradesh	3
Assam	6
Bihar	10
Gujarat	5
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Kerala	4
Madhya Pradesh	16
Madras
Maharashtra	11
Mysore	..
Orissa	4
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	10
Uttar Pradesh	20
West Bengal	10
Delhi
Himachal Pradesh	..
Manipur	2
Tripura	2
Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands	3
TOTAL	111

Co-operative Farming

**2003. { Shri Dharmalingam:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:**

Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilot projects on co-operative farming launched during 1961-62, State-wise;

(b) the number of cooperative farming wings that are to be established during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the future plans of Government to make the work more popular?