

The Rajasthan Canal under construction will irrigate, on completion, 11.71 lakh acres in Bikaner district and 6.92 lakh acres in Jaisalmer district.

**Average Consumption of Chemical Fertiliser per acre and per year in India as compared to Foreign Countries**

4859. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average quantities of chemical fertilisers used per year, per acre of land under cultivation of high-yielding varieties of foodgrains and of other usual varieties in India as a whole and in each State separately; and

(b) how the average annual per acre consumption of chemical fertilisers in India compares with that in Pakistan, Japan, Burma, China, U.K., U.S.A. and Australia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). Two statements showing average consumption of fertilisers (NPK) per hectare of land on all-India basis and State-wise and fertiliser consumption per hectare of arable land in various countries during 1967-68 are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3067/70].

**Policy Evolved for opening Ceremonies for New Branch-Post Offices**

4860. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a branch of the Ahmedabad Post Office was opened in Behrampura-Maninagar area on the 27th February, 1970 whose opening ceremony was performed by the President of Ahmedabad City Congress;

(b) whether opening of every branch office needs some ceremony at the hands of some political persons; and

(c) the details of the policy evolved by the Government for opening ceremonies of branches of the post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) Bhairavnath Road Single handed TSO of Ahmedabad was inaugurated by Postmaster General, Ahmedabad. Shri Ramanlal Mathurabhai Justice of Peace presided over the function. Shri Jamuna Shankar Pandey, President City Congress who is a resident of the same locality was one of the speakers. The function was arranged by the landlord and no expenditure was incurred by the Department.

(b) No.

(c) Expenditure on such formal functions is discouraged.

**Establishment of an Agricultural University in Gujarat**

4861. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agricultural University is to be established in Gujarat State in one of its districts in the North;

(b) if so, whether the location of the University has been finally decided; and

(c) whether the Central Government are giving aid from PL-480 funds to this university?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The Government of Gujarat have intimated that an Act (No. 13 of 1969) has been passed for establishing an Agricultural University in Gujarat with principal campus located in the district of Mehsana, Sabarkantha or Banaskantha.

(b) The location is yet to be decided finally.

(c) No, Sir.

**Assessment of Needs of Seeds**

4862. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent All India Symposium on Improved Seed Equipment has suggested that the National Seeds Corporation should assess the needs of the seed trade in addition to