

**Postal delivery personnel**

3216. SHRIMATI USHA THAKKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of Postal delivery personnel in 1983, 1984, and 1985 and 1986;

(b) the quantum of postal traffic handled by them during these years;

(c) whether the post offices are having adequate staff to meet the increased postal traffic and volume of work;

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated to improve services; and

(e) whether Government are considering to provide mopeds and or other two wheeler automobiles to the postal delivery staff to enable them to render prompt and effective services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The total strength of the delivery personnel Postman and Extra Departmental Delivery Agents) and the volume of mail handled during these years was as under:

Year	No. of Personnel	Traffic handled	
1983	1,39,500	1085	Crores
1984	1,42,100	1138	Crores
1985	1,43,300	1198	Crores
1986	1,41,600	1211	Crores

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. Generally there is no shortage of delivery staff in post offices. As may be seen from the figures of 1983, 1984 and 1985, additional delivery staff have been provided to meet the increased volume of mail. However, in 1986 matching provision could not be made due to existing ban orders on creation of posts. Now, orders relaxing the ban to the extent of making appointments to vacancies arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal/removal or deputation etc. have been issued, and the position is expected to improve.

(e) There is no proposal for providing mopeds or any other two wheeler automobile to the postal delivery staff.

**Availability of Consumer Items in Super Bazar**

3217. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all consumer items are not always available in the branches of Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to streamline the indenting and procurement procedure in Super Bazar;

(d) whether any Regional Distribution

Centre in trans-Yamuna area as also the branches targetted to be opened in 1986 have been opened; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). The Cooperative Store Ltd. (Super Bazar), Delhi has informed that it is dealing in a very large number of consumer goods and that every effort is made by them to make available all important consumer items to the customers. However at times, one or the other item is not available in their retail outlets for reasons, such as, non-supply or short supply from the suppliers, unexpected sales resulting into temporary stock out or other reasons beyond the control of Super Bazar.

(c) For making procurement of goods, Super Bazar has already devised procedures for indenting goods by the branches and Regional Distribution Centres on the basis of their demand. There is a fixed schedule for mid week supply of the indented goods to the branches. The procurement of goods, stock position and supply to branches are reviewed every week by the General Manager of the Super Bazar.

(d) and (e) Super Bazar has proposed to open a Regional Distribution Centre in the Trans-Yamuna Area for which land has been allotted