

In the final notification, that has been removed and concession was given up to 100 units.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : No, Sir.

SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : I will explain.

MR. SPEAKER : Probably, you need more time to explain and they seem to ask more questions. I will allow you half-an-hour discussion. You give a notice. *[Interruptions]*.

Written Answers to Questions

[Translation]

LETTER BOX FACILITY

*44. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHURY :

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNI-HOTRI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are several villages in the country without letter box facility ;

(b) if so, the number of such villages, State-wise ;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide letter box facility in those villages ;

(d) if so, the time by which such facility is likely to be provided ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b)

State-wise break down of villages without a letter box is given in the Statement attached.

(c) to (e) : The present target is to provide a letter box in all village with population over 500. It is expected to achieve the target within two years.

STATEMENT

Details of Villages without letter boxes, State-wise

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Villages without letter boxes
1	2	3
1.	Assam	13,388
2.	Andhra Pradesh	11,007
3.	Bihar	56,861
4.	Delhi	NIL
5.	Gujarat	361
6.	Haryana	299
7.	Himachal Pradesh	13,140

1	2	3
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	3,745
9.	Karnataka	3,302
10.	Kerala	NIL
11.	Madhya Pradesh	43,526
12.	Maharashtra	70,246
13.	Goa	91
14.	Arunachal Pradesh	2,688
15.	Manipur	NIL
16.	Meghalaya	1,567
17.	Mizoram	187
18.	Nagaland	123
19.	Tripura	1,473
20.	Orissa	28,720
21.	Punjab	734
22.	Rajasthan	14,075
23.	Tamil Nadu	2,913
24.	Uttar Pradesh	34,841
25.	Sikkim	174
26.	West Bengal	17,327
	Total	3,20,788

**VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF
NETHERLANDS**

*45 **SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI :**
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Netherlands visited India recently;

(b) if so, the broad details of the talks held by him with Indian leaders on various bilateral and multilateral issues and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreement on commerce was signed during the visit between the two countries ; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof ?