

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). The details in this regard are being collected from the Government of Punjab.

Speed Post Service

1649. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices/Postal areas, where Speed Post facility is to be provided during 1990; and

(b) the details of such Speed-Post Services to be introduced in Tamil Nadu State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) There is a ban on sanction of posts needed. The proposals for opening of Speed Post Centres will be examined as and when the Staff required can be sanctioned.

(b) There is no proposal for opening of any Speed Post Centres in Tamil Nadu in the year 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

Villages Without Post Offices

1650. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without post offices in the country;

(b) the number of such villages in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the target for providing facilities of post office in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The number of villages without post offices in the country at present is 4,57,220.

(b) The number of such villages in Uttar Pradesh is 95,860.

(c) While there is no proposal to establish post offices in all the remaining villages, postal facilities are, however, provided to such villages through village postmen/extra departmental delivery agents/panchayat dak sewaks.

Complaints of Harassment against special Police Officers

1651. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Police Officers appointed in Delhi by the Delhi Police during last three years;

(b) whether complaints have been received by the Police Department regarding harassment of people by these Special Police Officers in their respective areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) 1692.

(b) to (d). Thirteen complaints have been received by the Delhi Police. In ten cases, the Special Police Officers have been removed.