

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A meeting between officials of India and Pakistan was held in New Delhi from 30.1.90 to 2.2.90, to discuss the question of release of captured fishermen and the vessels.

(c) It was agreed to take necessary action to repatriate all the fishermen and to release all the vessels, that have been apprehended since 11 February, 88.

STD Facility in Tripura

1573. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts of Tripura connected by STD with Agartala/New Delhi; and

(b) the steps contemplated to connect the remaining districts of Tripura with Agartala and New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Out of the three district headquarters in Tripura, one is connected with Agartala and one with New Delhi through S.T.D.

(b) It is proposed to commission a new Trunk Automatic Exchange at Guwahati during the year 1990-91 in order to connect the remaining districts in Tripura with New Delhi.

Opening of Post Offices in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh

1574. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices opened during the last three years in Chittoor district circle;

(b) whether representation have been received from Chittoor district (A.P.) requesting for setting up of more post offices, branch post offices; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to extend the facility in the remote rural areas of Chittoor district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) 13 new post offices have been opened in Chittoor district during the period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Oilseeds Production Policy

1575. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any new oilseeds production policy aimed at providing sufficient incentives to the farmers to grow oilseed crops with improved varieties of seeds and achieving long-term goal of self-sufficiency in this area;

(b) if, so the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government have announced Integrated Policy on Oilseeds Production, import, distribution and pricing for the benefit of farmers and consumers. Under the production aspect, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National