

**National Seed Training Centre at
Varanasi**

1611. SHRI ANIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open a National Seed Training Centre at Varanasi;

(b) if so, whether land has been identified for this purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) when the centre is likely to be established?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The work will be started after receipt of the details of the terms and conditions of the land to be leased from Government of Uttar Pradesh and after completion of certain other necessary formalities.

**Ferry Service Between Madras Harbour
and Nagappattinam**

1612. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has sent any proposal to the Union Government for starting a ferry service between Madras harbour and Nagappattinam to avoid traffic congestion in Madras; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of New Fertilizer Plant in
Gujarat**

1613. SHRI PRABHATSINH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants likely to be set up in private sector and in public sector separately during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) whether any new plant is likely to be set up in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The Working Group on Fertilizers set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of the VIII Five Year Plan, has recommended setting up of three ammonia/urea plants of 1350/2200 tpd capacity each in the country during the VIII Plan period but the recommendations of the Working Group are yet to be accepted. Location of the plant will depend on the overall demand supply situation in a particular State as well as the availability of feedstock there. Ownership will be decided keeping in view the resources and the capabilities of the parties.

Postal Service in Maharashtra

1614. SHRI SUDAM DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: