

Construction of Roads in Forest and Tribal Areas of Maharashtra

937. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether problems are being faced in the construction of roads passing through forest and tribal areas and those being constructed under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme due to non-transfer of land by the Forest Department of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to speed up the construction of approved roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). The State Government of Maharashtra has not brought to the notice of Government of India any major problem being faced in the construction of roads under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme now merged into Jawahar Rozgar Yojana due to non-transfer of land by the Forest Department. One case of construction of a bridge across Par river on Peth-Surgana road had been reported in October, 1989 to be held up for want of forest land. In matters where the construction passes through forest land permission has to be taken under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 from the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Only one proposal for a road at Wether-Bhadela-Diakal-Rajpur road has been referred to the Ministry of

Environment and Forests for clearance and this case is under process in the Ministry of Environment and Forests as per information furnished by Ministry of Environmental and Forests.

[English]

Opening of New Post Offices

938. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open some more post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the number of buildings for post offices likely to be constructed in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) According to draft 8th Five Year Plan, 10,000 Branch Post Offices and 1000 Sub Post Offices are proposed to be opened during the period 1990-95.

(b) Circle-wise details about the post offices proposed to be opened for the year 1990-91 are given in Statement below.

(c) It is proposed to commence construction of 130 new post office buildings and complete construction of ongoing post office buildings in the near future i.e. during 1991-92.

STATEMENT*Circle/State wise targets for opening of Post Offices during 1990-91*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Circle</i>	<i>No. of Branch Post Offices to be opened</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Andhra	40
2.	Assam	40
3.	Bihar	150
4.	Gujarat	100
5.	Himachal Pradesh	25
6.	Haryana	25
7.	Karnataka	30
8.	Madhya Pradesh	100
9.	Maharashtra	150
10.	North Eastern	60
11.	Orissa	70
12.	Punjab	25
13.	Rajasthan	75
14.	Tamil Nadu	50
15.	Uttar Pradesh	400
16.	West Bengal	80
17.	Kerala	50
18.	Jammu & Kashmir	25
19.	Delhi	5