

(b) if so, the facts revealed by the enquiry; and

(c) the action taken against the concerned officials in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Postal System in Rural Areas

1009. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any new scheme to streamline the postal system in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Based on the recommendations of the National Institute of Rural Development Hyderabad, the Department of Posts is presently giving a final shape to the new norms for opening of post offices in rural areas.

(b) and (c). The new norms to be evolved are now under advanced stage of finalisation.

[English]

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

1010. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHOSALE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether these objectives have been achieved and if not, to what extent the scheme has been successful;

(c) whether the Union Government have any proposals to modify the existing Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). The main objectives of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are to provide financial support to the farmers and restore their credit worthiness in the event of crop loss/failure. These objectives have been achieved to a great extent as the Scheme has been quite successful which can be gauged from the fact that during 1985-90, cumulatively, 263.40 lakh farmers were covered over an area of 464.02 lakh hectares insuring sum of Rs. 5744.69 crore in 19 States and 3 U. Ts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.