

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) 54 mission Indian defence personnel are believed to be in Pakistani jails. Government have repeatedly taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of their repatriation to India. The Government of Pakistan, however, maintains that there are no Indian defence personnel in its custody. We are continuing to press Pakistan on this issue.

[English] —

Crop Insurance Scheme

3872. DR. K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount

collected as premium under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme and compensation actually paid to the farmers during 1990-91, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): A State-wise Statement showing the premium collected and compensation actually paid to the farmers under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) during 1990-91 is attached.

STATEMENT

Rs. in lakhs

| Sl. No. | State/U.T. | Premium collected | Claims actually paid |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 195.94 | — |
| 2. | Assam* | 6.59 | — |
| 3. | Bihar* | 58.87 | — |
| 4. | Goa | 0.13 | — |
| 5. | Gujarat* | 305.06 | — |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 0.03 | NEG |
| 7. | Karnataka | 20.68 | 23.16 |
| 8. | Kerala | 12.17 | NEG |
| 9. | Madhya Pradesh* | 43.45 | — |
| 10. | Maharashtra | 178.74 | 9.06 |
| 11. | Meghalaya | 0.01 | NEG |
| 12. | Orissa | 53.58 | — |
| 13. | Tamil Nadu* | 146.66 | 21.71 |
| 14. | Tripura | 0.63 | — |
| 15. | West Bengal | 88.37 | 333.30 |
| 16. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 0.13 | — |
| 17. | Pondicherry | 1.86 | — |
| Total | | 1112.90 | 387.23 |

NEG: Negligible amount.

* Claims for Kharif 1990 of these States are under examination.

Opening of Long Distance Public Call Offices

3873. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose

to open more local and subscriber dialling long distance public call offices in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other new telecom services proposed to be introduced during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of public telephones are proposed to be opened both in Urban and Rural areas.