

[*Translation*]**Taluka Kerosene Depots**

5407. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of oil companies which have opened Taluka Kerosene Depots (T.K.D.), State-wise, and the number of

the depots out of them, working smoothly ; and

(b) whether these companies are earning any profit or incurring loss from these depots, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) IOCL, HPCL, BPCL and IBP Co. have opened Taluka Kerosene Depots (TKDs) in the various States as indicated below :

	IOCL	HPCL	BPCL	IBP Co.
U.P.	11	1	1	—
Orissa	2	2	—	—
M.P.	4	—	2	—
Gujarat	1	—	—	—
Tamilnadu	1	—	—	—
Kerala	1	—	—	—
Karnataka	1	—	—	—
Maharashtra	—	4	—	—
H.P.	3	—	1	1
J & K	1	—	—	—
	25	7	4	1

All the TKDs are operating smoothly.

(b) the TKDs are being operated by these oil companies themselves or through contractors to supply kerosene oil at a reasonable price in hilly & remote areas. The TKDs are not operated on profit/loss basis. Their operations are subsidised by Govt., with the oil companies getting a fixed return on the capital invested and through the operating expenses being met by a flat rate payment.

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to issue postal stamps using the great significant and glorious episodes like 'Jalianwala Bagh holocaust', Firing on captive Freedom Fighters, Azad Hind Revolutionary Movement, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the policy of Government in this regard ?

[*English*]

Issue of Commemorative Postal Stamps about Significant and Glorious Episodes

5408. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS/ (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Postage stamps have already been issued to commemorate the Jalianwala Bagh incident and Azad Hind Movement. Presently there is no pro-

posal to bring out any more stamps on these themes. The Government has, however, undertaken a series of stamps depicting landmarks in India's struggle for freedom. This series will continue till 1997 and will depict various facets of India's struggle for freedom.

Dismantling of Demarcation Stones on Defence Property at Anand Parbat, Delhi

5409. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by the Survey of India regarding dismantling of the demarcation stones put by them in 1972 on defence property at Anand Barbat, Delhi; and

(b) the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Complaints have been received by this Ministry regarding the dismantling of demarcation stones on the Defence property located at Anand Parbat, Delhi. It is reported that two demarcation pillars were found uprooted, and 16 pillars were found to have been removed.

The Army authorities as well as the Director General, Defence Lands and Cantonments have been directed to undertake an immediate resurvey of the area.

[*Translation*]

Postal Services in Bikaner and Jaisalmer Districts in Rajasthan

5410. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATHORE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to provide postal service at a distance of every 5 kilometres in the villages or chaks which fall in the area being irrigated from Indira Canal in

Bikaner and Jaisalmer districts in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide postal service in the said area on priority basis; and

(d) if so, the time by which post offices will be opened there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present yard-sticks for opening of post offices in normal, tribal and backward areas are given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d). Such villages which satisfy the norms are proposed to be provided with a post office in a phased manner subject to the availability of funds in the normal way.

Statement

Post Offices to be opened in rural areas have now been classified into two main categories :—

1. Post offices in normal rural areas; and
2. Post offices in tribal or backward areas.

(1) *Post Offices in normal rural areas :*

(i) Post offices in gram-panchayat Villages may be opened subject to the following conditions.

(a) There is no other post office within the radius of 3 kms. from the proposed post office; and