

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with Planning Commission to provide adequate amount and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The Postal Department had projected an outlay of Rs. 610.72 crores for the Seventh Five Year Plan and Planning Commission have approved of Rs. 295 crores.

(b) The Postal Department made efforts in the meetings held in the Planning Commission and in correspondence for a higher allocation of Rs. 450 crores.

[English]

Reduction in the Initial Deposit for Banking Two-wheeler scooters

3401. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 500/- is being collected from the public for the allotment of two wheelers by various companies ;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of middle class people are finding it difficult to pay the initial deposit ; and

(c) since the vehicles will be delivered to the registered public after a lapse of 4-5 years, whether Government propose to direct the companies to reduce the initial deposit to Rs. 100/-?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

Fast Moving Missiles

3402. SHRI P.R. KUMARMANGALAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian defence forces possess missiles capable of striking down low/fast moving planes ; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken to obtain such missiles and technology ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Difference in Salary and Ration Facilities of Jawans and Officers

3403. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the salary and ration facilities of Jawans, N.C.O.s, J.C.O.s and Senior Commissioned Officers as on 31st March, 1985 ;

(b) whether there are different rules about the quality and quantity of ration facilities provided to the above ranks ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) A statement showing pay scales admissible as on 31.3.1985 to general duty Service Officers and personnel below them, is given below.

All ranks of Service Officers while posted in field area and personnel below officer rank, whether posted in Field or Peace Area, are authorised to free ration. Officers upto the rank of Brigadier, when posted in Peace Area, are also authorised free ration facility. Officers and personnel below officer rank, when they dine in messes, are supplied cooked food.

(b) While different scales of rations are admissible for officers and Jawans, quality of the items supplied to both is the same.

(c) The different scales of rations have been authorised in consultation with the medical authorities to officers and Jawans on account of their food habits and the nutrition needed to perform their duties efficiently.