

Closure of Government Presses

939. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to close down four Government presses in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor

(c) whether Government of India Press Workers Federation has submitted memorandum against the closure of the Government presses; and

(d) if so, the final outcome of the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d). With a view to streamlining the working of the Government of India Presses and to make them economically viable and also as a part of the process of shedding non-essential activities, a decision was taken by the Government to close down four Government of India Presses—three in Calcutta and one in Shimla. Representations have been received from the Workers' Association/Federation. The decision of the Government is under active review.

Waste of National Marine Resources

940. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a great waste of national marine resources due to lack of proper distribution in non-coastal areas;

(b) the measures being taken for improving refrigerated transportation facilities from coastal areas to inland cities like Delhi; and

(c) the reasons for ignoring this aspect of infra-structure development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Twelve refrigerated vans (8 broad gauge and 4 meter gauge) were made available to the Indian Railways for transportation of fish during 1960-69. Subsequently the operation and these refrigerated rail vans was found uneconomical and unsuitable for Indian conditions. Therefore, no budgetary provision has been made to develop this infrastructure. Iced fish is being transported from coastal areas to Delhi and other inland cities in parcel vans and luggage vans by the Railways.

Expert Committee on Transfer of Technology to Rural Areas

941. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed an expert committee to study the transfer of technology to rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made by the committee;

(d) whether this transfer to technology will be routed through community polytechnics;

(e) if so, the polytechnics selected for the purpose in Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) whether Government Polytechnic, Vijayawada has been included in the list of such polytechnics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-

MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Questions do not arise.

(d) to (f). A scheme of community Polytechnic was started in the year 1978-79 at selected Diploma level institutions to promote Community/Rural Development work through transfer of technology and management inputs. The scheme is in operation in the following institutions in Andhra Pradesh.

- (1) Shri Venkateswara Government Polytechnic, Tirupati.
- (2) S.M.V.M. Polytechnic, Tanuku.
- (3) Government Polytechnic, Warangal.
- (4) Government Polytechnic, Vijayawada.
- (5) K.E.S.C. Government Polytechnic, Nandyal.
- (6) Government Polytechnic, Grand Trunk Road, (Gujaratipeta), Srikakulam.

Use of Hindi by Airlines

942. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters written in Hindi by Air India and Indian Airlines, Delhi Division from 1 January to 31 December, 1987;

(b) the number of letters written in English by these offices during the same period; and

(c) whether Government propose to instruct them to write letters only in Hindi and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF

CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b). There is no system obtaining in those Airlines for registering incoming and outgoing correspondence either in Hindi or in English.

(c) Instructions have been issued to them to write letters in Hindi in reply to letters received in Hindi, to State Governments and Union Territories in Region 'A' & 'B' and to the Central Govt. offices located in Region 'A' & 'B', in such proportion as specified in the annual programme issued by the Department of Official Language.

Employment of Agricultural and Rural Labourer

943. SHRI NARSING SURYAVANSI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had forwarded a proposal to the Union Government regarding a programme to provide employment to about 20 lakh agricultural and rural labour; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of Class IV Staff as L.D.Cs

944. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1984, some Class IV employees in the Ministry and its attached offices were appointed as L.D.Cs. on an ad-hoc basis;

(b) if so, the number thereof?