

mentation of the provisions of the Act rests with the State Governments. States have also been asked to rehabilitate the freed bonded labourers under the Central and State on-going Schemes and programmes.

**Verification of Passport Forms**

1480 SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM  
SHRI P K KODIYAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to withdraw the authority from certain categories of Government officers and Members of Parliament to verify the form for issue of Passport, and

(b) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Invalidity Scheme for ESI Beneficiaries**

1481 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has recommended the introduction of invalidity scheme for the ESI beneficiaries,

(b) if so the details of the scheme and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR RAM KRIPAL SINHA) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has

furnished the following information —

(a) Yes

(b) The proposal is to make a provision for an invalidity benefit to cover the contingency of invalidity due to causes other than employment injury, the employment injury cases being already covered under the Act

(c) The implementation of the Scheme will require amendment to the ESI Act. The matter is being referred to the Central Government for consideration

**Conversion of Branch Post Offices to sub-post Offices**

1482 SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government would consider to convert the Branch Post Offices to Sub-Post Offices in Ratnagiri District to provide banking facility through postal agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) No, Sir. There are 686 Branch Post Offices in Ratnagiri district and all provide savings Bank facilities

जबरदस्ती नसबन्धी से प्रभावित व्यक्तियों को सहायता

1483 श्री विनायक प्रसाद दाबड  
श्री भगत राम  
श्री राम लाल राही :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) प्रत्येक राज्य में जबदस्ती नसबंदी से बुरी तरह प्रभावित व्यक्तियों में से कितने व्यक्तियों को स्वास्थ्य विभाग द्वारा अब तक वित्तीय सहायता दी गयी है और इनमें से प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को सहायता की कितनी राशि दी गयी है,

(ख) जबदस्ती नसबन्दी के कारण प्रत्येक राज्य में कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और प्रत्येक राज्य में उनके परिवारों को सहायता की कितनी राशि दी गयी, और

(ग) वर्तमान जनता सरकार के बनने से बेबर अब तक कितने व्यक्तियों ने स्वेच्छा से नसबन्दी आपरेशन कराये हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव) :

(क) जो व्यक्ति यह दावा करते हैं कि वेजबरन नसबन्दी आपरेशन का शिकार बनाये गये हैं उन्हें नकद मुआवजा देने की सरकार की कोई नीति नहीं है। फिर भी, जो व्यक्ति अपनी नस को पुन जुड़वाना चाहते हैं उन्हें ये सुविधाएँ प्रदान कराने तथा आपरेशन के पश्चात् हुई जटिलताओं का निःशुल्क इलाज करवाने की सरकारी योजना है। आपरेशन के पश्चात् जिन व्यक्तियों की जटिलताओं के कारण मृत्यु हो जाती है, उनके आश्रितों को अनुग्रहपूर्वक सहायता देने की एक योजना भी है।

(ख) राज्यों से यह सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) देश में अप्रैल, 1977 से सितम्बर, 1977 तक कुल 3,46,255 व्यक्तियों (62,694 पुरुषों तथा 2,83,561 स्त्रियों) ने नसबन्दी आपरेशन करवाने का विकल्प दिया।

#### Opening of New Post Offices during 1977-78

1484 SHRI M A HANNAN AL-HAJ Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to open new post offices during 1977-78,

(b) if so, the details of the post offices which are likely to be opened in West Bengal and especially in 24 Pargana District, and

(c) when these post offices will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) During the year 1977-78, it is proposed to open 137 Post Offices in West Bengal State and 34 Post Offices in 24 Pargana District

(c) From 1-4-77 to 30-9-77, 27 Post Offices have been opened in West Bengal State and 2 Post Offices in 24 Pargana District. It is expected that the balance of the target fixed for West Bengal State and 24 Pargana District will be achieved by 31-3-1978

#### Substitution of Foreign Mail with forged Letters

1485 DR HENRY AUSTIN SHRI K LAKKAPPA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether a racket has been smashed which used to intercept letters from overseas Indians and substitute them with forged letters containing a request that amount varying from Rs 5000 to Rs 10,000 be handed over to a person named in the letter;

(b) if so, whether the employees of the P&T were members of that gang, and