

(ग) उप-सम्पादकों के लिये पदोन्नति के अवसर बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री मुरजीत सिंह बरनाला): (क) वर्तमान भर्ती नियमों में अंग्रेजी भाषा के उप-सम्पादकों को अंग्रेजी भाषा के सहायक सम्पादक के पद पर पदोन्नति करने की व्यवस्था है।

(ख) और (ग). विस्तार निदेशालय में सहायक सम्पादक के दो पद (अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी प्रत्येक का एक एक पद) हिन्दी भाषा के उप-सम्पादक का एक पद अंग्रेजी भाषा के उप-सम्पादकों के चार पद और क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं के उप-सम्पादकों के चार पद है। क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में उप-सम्पादकों के लिए पदोन्नति के अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए भर्ती नियमों में संशोधन करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है। उप-सम्पादकों की पदोन्नति के लिए लिया जाने वाला समय उच्च संवर्ग में रिक्त पदों की उपलब्धि पर निर्भर करेगा।

Central Grant for Rural Roads

10652. SHRI GANANATH PRAHDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Central Government to each State for rural roads during the year 1978-79; and

(b) the States which have not been able to fully utilise the sanction given to them under the head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) No money was sanctioned by the Central Government to the States for Rural Roads during 1978-79. The Central scheme taken up during 1977-78 was discontinued as adequate provisions had been made in the State Plans for Rural Roads under the Revised Minimum Needs Programme.

(b) The question does not arise.

Shortage of Wires and Poles for Public Call Office in Andhra Pradesh

10653. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of wire and poles for starting P.C.O. and to lay new lines in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will allot the necessary wire and poles to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEV SAI): (a) There is general shortage of some such items due to short supply of certain essential items of raw materials such as steel etc. in the country.

(b) Allotments of necessary materials are being made progressively to all the Telecom. Circles in the country, including Andhra, according to availability.

Identification of Educationally Backward States

10654. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appointed a Committee to identify the educationally backward States regarding Universalisation of elementary education;

(b) if so, whether the Committee identified the States;

(c) the names of the States;

(d) whether N.C.E.R.T. is involved in these eight States to the universalisation of elementary education; and