

Amendment to Urban Land Ceilings Act

6541. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to amend the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if so, when Government is likely to introduce the Bill; and

(c) what are the main features of the amending Bill?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No final decision has been taken so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-Receipt of S. B. Pass Book and non-availability of Stationery in Dahanu, District Thane

6542. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Superintendent of Post Offices, Thane (West) Division has received complaints about non-receipt of S. B. Pass Book, non availability of stamps, inland letters, Postcards, envelopes etc. in the month of January, 1981 from Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party, Dahanu, (Thane District); and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A complaint from Shri R. S. Gokhale, Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party, was received on 12-1-1981 which, among other things, complained of non-receipt of SB pass book of account No. 2996492 in the name of Shri M. R. Padgaonkar. The pass book was delivered to the depositor on 14-1-1981.

The production of postage stamps and postal stationery has not been able to keep pace with the increasing demands for various items. This results in shortage of some items in some of the Post Offices. A number of measures (detailed in the annexure) have been taken to increase the production and to improve the distribution of postage stamps and postal stationery.

Statement

1. An Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee of senior officers of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and P & T Department has been constituted to oversee the production of postage stamps and postal stationery and to suggest measures to increase the production.

2. Steps have been taken to increase the machine capacity to augment the production of stamps and stationery in India Security Press, Nasik.

3. A second Security Press is being set up at Hyderabad to augment the supply of items of postal stationery.

4. A Liaison Officer has been appointed at Nasik to closely liaise with the India Security Press, the Railways and other authorities for speedy distribution of stamps.

5. For better deployment of available stock, the Department is progressively taking over stocking and distribution functions from the state treasuries.

6. The number of definitive stamps of higher denominations has been increased from 50 to 70 stamps per sheet so that with the same effort larger number of stamps are printed.

7. Use of Franking Machines is being encouraged by providing more facilities including a rebate of 1.5 per cent of the total value franked to users of the machines.

8. Wherever necessary, local manufacture of blank Inland Letter Cards and Envelopes is resorted to by the Postmasters General to meet the public demand.

9. Sale of stamps through licensed vendors has been temporarily suspended except in remote, hilly and backward areas to prevent unethical practices.

Recruitment of Research Associates by NCERT

6543. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the existing Post-Graduate-Teachers in the National Council of Educational Research and Training have been recruited as Research Associates;

(b) how many of the existing Post-Graduate-Teachers have not been taken as Research Associates; and

(c) what are the chances of those referred to in part (b) above for getting Research Associate Posts?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) All the 36 Post Graduate Teachers in the NCERT have been redesignated as Research Associates. The scheme of Research Associates is not applicable to Regional Colleges of Education.

(b) There is no Post Graduate Teacher covered by the scheme of Research Associates who has not been taken as Research Associate in the NCERT.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Post-Graduate Teachers of National Institute of Education into Field Advisers

6544. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken to convert the post of Post-Graduate teachers working in the National Institute of Education, Delhi functioning under the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi to that of Field Advisers;

(b) if so, whether the said decision was dropped later on; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bamboo Tube-well Technology

6545. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn any lesson from the case of the bamboo tube-well which has an enormous potential for research and development to adopt technologies to highly specific sets of conditions;

(b) if so, what;

(c) how far the bamboo tube-well technology and associated innovations have been developed and tried in the country; and

(d) the outcome of the study of bamboo tube-well economies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Research on the adaptability of bamboo tube-wells has been under progress under the I.C.A.R. All