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(ख) क्या यह सब है कि इस योजना के झन्तगंत सीतापुर जिले में झभी तक किसी भी गोदाम का निर्माण नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इनके कब शुरू होने की संभावना है ग्रौर ये किन स्थानों पर बनाए जाएंगे ?

हवि तथा प्रामोण पुर्नीनर्माण मंत्रासथ में राज्य मंत्री (श्री झार० वी० स्वामी नाधन्): (क) फरवरी 1981 के मन्त तक राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम/ विश्व बैंध गोदाम परियोजना के मन्तर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश के सीतापुर जिले में प्राथमिक हवि सहकारी समितियों को 107 प्रामीण गोदाम मंजूर किये गये थे। वर्षवार मंजूर किये गये गोदामों की संख्या तथा उनके स्थानों के नाम विवरण में दिये गये हैं। प्रन्थालय में रखा गया [देखिए संख्या L. T. -- 2064/81]।

(ख) झौर (ग). जी, नहीं। ग्यारह प्रामीण गोदाम पहले ही पूरे हो चुके हैं झौर नौ गोदामों का निर्माण कार्य विभिन्न स्तरों पर चल रहा है। इन गोदामों के स्यान और निर्माण सम्बन्धी चरण के बारे में एक विवरण संलग्न है (अनुबन्ध – 2)। शेष गोदामों का निर्माण कार्य उनके स्थलों के चयन और टेण्डर झादि स्वीकार होने पर ही शुरू होगा।

Post offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Ladakh

2693. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges that exists in the Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) what are the present criteria and norms of the P&T Department for opening of new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges etc.; (c) whether the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges that exists in Ladakh region are sufficient to cope and cater with a population which is scattered over an inaccessible area of over 97,000 sq. kilometers;

(d) whether Government will consider to relax the rules and norms as a special case to open more post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in view of vastness and inaccessibility of area and scattered population; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) There are, at present, 68 post offices, 5 telegraph offices and 3 telephone exchanges in Ladakh region.

(b) The norms are set out in the Statements attached.

(c) The number of post offices in Ladakh region are reported to be adequate. The number of telegraph offices are, however, not sufficient. The telephone exchanges are opened on the basis of registered demand, as set out in the norms.

(d) and (e): The policy of the Department for opening post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in special areas is already a liberalised one. Ladakh region is also covered by these liberalised norms.

Statement-I

A summary of the norms prescribed for opening of post offices in rural areas.

The norms for opening of post offices in rural areas are as follows:---

Briefly, a post Office can be opened in a village in rural areas provided:

> (i) the village is either the Headquarter of a Gram Panchayat or has a minimum population of 2000 or more.