

of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 59.]

Family Planning

123. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have suggested to the State Governments to appoint separate Director or Assistant Director or Officer on Special Duty to co-ordinate Family Planning in the States; and

(b) the names of States which have appointed such officers?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. All the State Governments were requested in December, 1956, to appoint Family Planning Officers of the status of Assistant Director of Public Health at State Headquarters to intensify and co-ordinate Family Planning Programme in the State.

(b) Full-time Family Planning Officers have been appointed in the States of Andhra, Kerala, Madras, Mysore, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and part time officers in Assam, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh. Government of Bombay appointed a full-time Family Planning Officer but this officer has been transferred and the post is temporarily held by a part-time officer. The Family Planning Officer in West Bengal in addition to her duties also deals with Maternity and Child Welfare.

Regional Fruit Research Station at Mashobra

124. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Govern-

ment propose to establish a Regional Fruit Research Station at Mashobra;

(b) if so, the main functions of this centre; and

(c) the total cost, recurring and non-recurring, which the Central Government will incur every year during the three years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A Regional Fruit Research Station has already been set up at Mashobra.

(b) The main function of the station is to carry out research work, both applied and fundamental, on temperate fruits such as apple, cherry, pear, etc.

(c) Total additional expenditure involved due to the setting up of this station from 1st February, 1958 to 31st March, 1961 is estimated at Rs. 3,90,600 (Rs. 3,60,600 recurring and Rs. 30,000 non-recurring) as detailed below:—

	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	Total
1-2-58 to 31-3-58					
Recurring	81,600	1,79,960	82,915	3,60,600	
Rs. 16,120					
Non-recur-	30,000	—	—	30,000	
ring	Rs. Nil				

The expenditure on staff and other facilities (land, laboratories, etc.) already available in Himachal Pradesh will amount to about Rs. 4,48,000 during the same period.

Delay in Delivery of Money Orders

125. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received by Government regarding the inordinate delay in the delivery of money orders in rural post offices during 1957-58; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.