

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to improve postal services in remote rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. The country is being served by an elaborate network of 1,52,792 post offices, out of which 89% are located in rural areas. 27% of the total number of post offices in the country are in tribal, desert, hilly and inaccessible areas.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d). Improvement in postal services is a continuing process keeping in view various aspects of the services like mail transportation, delivery and counter services.

Amount allocated to NCT

134. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi under various schemes/plant during the last year;

(b) the amount spent plan-wise by the Delhi Government out of the amount allocated and the amount lapsed;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount allocated plan-wise to the Delhi Government so far during the current financial year;

(e) the details of such schemes/plans not yet started by the Delhi Government for which the Central Government have provided the funds; and

(f) the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The amount allocated to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi under various sectors/sub-sectors during 1995-96 and the tentative amount spent are indicated at enclosed statement. The anticipated shortfall in expenditure is to the tune of Rs. 421.25 crores. The shortfalls are due to adjustment of Central Plan Assistance to Badarpur Thermal Power Station, increase in the non-Plan Expenditure for payment of dearness allowance and interim relief and shortfall in revenue collection.

(d) to (f). The size of the Annual Plan for 1996-97 has not yet been finalised. Ongoing Plan Schemes are being implemented in 1996-97, at the level of Plan allocation for 1995-96.

STATEMENT

Sector-Wise Allocation & Expenditure Under Annual Plan 1995-96 Govt. of Delhi

Name of the Sector	(Rs. in Crores)	
	Approved Outlay 1995-96	Exp. upto March, 96 (tentative)
Agriculture	13.00	10.84
Cooperation	0.60	0.45
Rural Development	59.35	41.05
Minor Irrigation	2.52	1.80
Flood Control	14.15	12.49
Energy	440.00	299.52
Industries	7.00	4.62
Science Tech. & Env.	0.86	1.22
General Eco. Services	0.80	0.66
Tourism	7.72	6.54
Survey & Statistics	1.50	0.47
Civil Supplies	2.10	1.84
Weight & Measures	0.11	0.07
General Education	139.40	118.05
Technical Education	34.17	28.10
Art & Culture	5.30	3.93
Sports & Youth Services	8.07	3.37
Medical	91.05	87.54
Public Health	9.50	7.44
Water Supply	210.50	153.48
Housing	39.27	22.06
Urban Development & Transport	506.31	415.49
Information & Publicity	0.93	1.22
Welfare of SC/ST	16.00	8.37
Labour & Labour Welfare	8.45	5.16
Social Welfare	14.74	9.92
Nutrition	19.26	15.06
Jail Building	10.62	5.30
Public Works	30.45	15.22
Stationary & Printing		
Other Admn. Services	26.37	17.46
Grand Total	1720.00	1298.75

[English]

Advisers to NEC

135. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether most of the posts of advisers to North Eastern Council (NEC) are lying vacant;