

*[English]***Mobile Post Offices in Karnataka**

2819. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mobile Post Offices are functioning in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce Mobile Post Offices in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) No. Sir.

(b) Since Night Post Offices are functioning, no need has been felt for Mobile Post Offices.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to introduce Mobile Post Offices in Karnataka in view of (b) above.

Rashtriya Pandhara Vikas Yojana

2820. SHRI DILEEP SNAGHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work has been started during Eighth Five Year Plan under the "Rashtriya Pandhara Vikas Yojana" in the rainfed areas like Kutch, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Banaskantha Districts of Gujarat;

(b) whether any target was fixed to achieve the Yojana;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the target has been achieved; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :
(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Agro Business Consortium

2821. SHRI DINSHAW PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a Small Farmers agro Business Consortium (SFAC) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposed consortium is expected to be a coordination body between the Centre and the States to promote public and private investment in agro-business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, on 18.1.1994. The activities so far undertaken by the Society include promotion of a State level SFAC in Kerala; establishment of an Agri-Business Information Centre at Chandigarh in collaboration with Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, and organisation of district level workshops to generate awareness about SFAC and its activities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Internet System

2822. SHRI VAIKO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the congestion is being faced by the users of Internet services;

(b) the number of cities in which remote access servers are being installed;

(c) the time by which the congestion is likely to be eased completely; and

(d) the steps propose to be taken by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):
(a) Yes, Sir. Congestion is being faced in some INTERNET nodes.