

(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;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up those positions for effective functioning of NEC?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c). The following five posts of adviser are lying vacant at present :

(i) Adviser (Planning)

(ii) Adviser (Fisheries)

(iii) Adviser (Technical Education)

(iv) Adviser (Horticulture)

(v) Adviser (Power)

The post of Adviser (Planning) has fallen vacant recently with effect from 18.6.96. Action has already been initiated to fill up the post.

The officer selected for the post of Adviser (Fisheries) has intimated that he will join by August, 1996

The Union Public Service Commission has made the selection to fill up the post of Adviser (Technical Education).

The proposal for filling up the post of Adviser (Horticulture) has been referred to the Union Public Service Commission.

The post of Adviser (Power) stands abolished at present. However, a proposal for the revival/recreation of the post has been prepared for obtaining the approval of the competent authority

Ban on Pesticides

137. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several hazardous pesticides whose use has been banned/restricted in other countries are still being sold and used in India;

(b) if so, the names of such pesticides identified as hazardous pesticides;

(c) whether there is a growing demand to ban these hazardous pesticides; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ban them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The list of pesticides which are banned/restricted in other countries, but are still being sold and used in India is enclosed in Statement-I

(c) and (d). The Government has reviewed the continued use of these pesticides in India. Based on such reviews 16 Pesticides have been banned for used in the country (Annexure-II) and the status of review/action taken on other Pesticides is given in enclosed Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

List of Pesticides Banned/Restricted in some other countries but being used in India and outcome of review for their continued use in India

S. No.	Pesticide	Use allowed	Use restricted	Under review
1.	Alachlor	-	-	Yes
2.	Aldicarb	Yes	-	-
3.	Aldrin	-	-	Yes
4.	Alluminium Phosphide	Yes	-	-
5.**	BHC	-	Yes	-
6.	Benomyl	-	-	Yes
7.	Captafol	-	Yes	-
8.	Captan	Yes	-	-
9.	Carbaryl	Yes	-	-
10.	Chlordane	-	-	Yes
11.	Chlorobenzilate	-	Yes	-
12.	DDT	-	Yes	-
13.	Dicofol	Yes	-	-
14.	Dieldrin	-	Yes	-
15.	Dimethoate	Yes	-	-
16.	Diuron	-	-	Yes
17.	EDB	-	Yes	-
18.	Endosulfan	Yes	-	-
19.	Fenarimol	-	-	Yes
20.	Heptachlor	-	-	Yes
21.	Lindane	-	Yes	-
22.*	Malathion	Yes	-	-
23.*	Maleic Hydrazide	Yes	-	-
24.	Methomyl	-	-	Yes
25.	Methyl Parathion	-	Yes	-
26.	Monocrotophos	-	-	Yes
27.	Oxyflourfen	-	-	Yes
28.	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes	-	-
29.	Phorate	Yes	-	-
30.	Phosphamidon	-	-	Yes
31.	Sodium Cyanide	-	Yes	-
32.	Thiometon	-	-	Yes
33.*	Thiram	Yes	-	-
34.	Triazpphos	-	-	Yes
35.	Tridemorph	-	-	Yes
36.	Zinc Phosphide	Yes	-	-
37.	Zineb	-	-	Yes
38.	Ziram	-	-	Yes
39.	2, 4-D	Yes	-	-
40.*	Carbofuran	Yes	-	-

* Not reviewed for continued use in India

** The Government has decided to ban the use of BHC w.e.f 1.4.97