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SERVICES OF POSTMEN FOR COLLECTING DATA
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to engage postmen for collecting data regarding essential commodities for compilation of Consumer Price Index across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of postmen likely to be engaged in such act; and
- (d) the details of remuneration likely to be given to these postmen?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d) Due to shortage of field investigators in the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), price collection work for compilation of Consumer Price Index for rural areas could not be taken up. The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) is, therefore, currently making efforts to find out suitable agencies including State/UT governments and the Department of Posts for price collection work in the rural areas.