

(b) 28 in Shrivardhan and 1488 in Raigad district as on 31.3.90.

(c) and (d). electronic exchange has been planned for commissioning at Shrivardhan in Raigad District during 90-91 and funds will be allocated for the same.

Import of Seeds

7376. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue the import of seeds for agricultural purposes:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions from the agricultural scientists for stopping the import of seeds; and

(d) if so, how long Government propose to continue the import of seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For upgradation of planting material through transfer of technology and seeds of parental lines and also to secure for the farmers high quality seeds available abroad to maximise yield, increase in productivity and farm incomes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The New Policy on Seed Development and Import and Export Policy, which deals with import of seeds, are reviewed from time to time.

[Translation]

Complaints Against Regional Passport Office, Jaipur

7377. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about corruptions prevailing in the regional passport office in Jaipur;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the officials against whom complaints were made; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c). A total of 10 complaints were received during 1987 to 1989 in the Ministry alleging corruption in Passport Office, Jaipur involving following officials:

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Number</i>
1	2
Passport Officer	1
Public Relations Officer	1
Superintendents	3
Assistants	2
Upper Division Clerks	2
Lower Division Clerks	4
Peons	1

8 complaints were investigated and it was found that in 5 cases allegations had no