

(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

substance. In the remaining 3 cases the charges could not be proved but 1 Superintendent and 1 Assistant were transferred out of Jaipur as a measure of preventive vigilance. 2 cases have been taken up for investigations – 1 each by departmental vigilance agency and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

[English]

Regularisation of Casual Employees in G.P.O. Bangalore

7378. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual employees working in the General Post Office, Bangalore;

(b) whether they have put in more than 10 years of service;

(c) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal has ordered for regularisation of these casual employees;

(d) if so, whether Government has regularised these casual employees; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The number of casual labourers working in Bangalore General Post Office is 3 (three). Those who are working as substitutes against absentee Postmen are not designated as casual labourers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Hon'ble Tribunal have decided that the applications filed by 14 substitutes engaged in place of absentee postmen in Bangalore GPO for regular absorption will be decided by a larger Bench and that in the mean-time petitioners be allowed to continue to be engaged until such time the candidate selected in the test actually report for duty and that thereafter whenever there are leave vacancies the petitioners should be considered for engagement as in the past.

Mobile Telegraph Vans in Karnataka:

7379. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whenever Mobile Telegraph vans fitted with electronic key boards are operating in Karnataka;

(b) if so, places where these mobile telegraph vans are being operated; and

(c) whether any such mobile telegraph van is operating in Hassan District in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The experimental mobile telegraph van is being operated in the city of Bangalore covering the suburbs of Byatarayanapure and Mahalaxmipura.

(c) No, Sir.

[Translation]

C.B.I. Inquiry in Regard to Tapping of Telephones

7380. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: