

<i>District</i>	<i>On-going works</i>	<i>New works</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Nasik	1	—
Nagpur	2	—
Amravati	—	—
Satara	—	—

(c) The funds are being allocated.

[*Translation*]

Letters from Members of Parliament

10214. SHRI HARI SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from Members of Parliament by his Ministry during 1989-90 and the number of letters still pending reply; and

(b) the steps taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):—

(a)	Total received :	6100
	Pending :	837

(b) All efforts are made not only to send replies to the Hon'ble members of Parliament but also to dispose of the matters raised by them, after due consideration.

Issuance of Passports from RPO, Jaipur

10215. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average time taken in issuing passports in Regional Passport Office at Jaipur and the procedure followed in informing the applications about the delay in the issue of passport; and

(b) the details of the complaints received in this regard during the period from January, 1989 to March, 1990, and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Fresh passports are issued normally within 10-12 weeks from the date of receipt of the passport applications.

Applications are informed about delay in the issue of passports whenever they make enquiries either personally or through post.

(b) During the period from January, 1989 to March, 1990, 194 complaints about the delay in the issue of passports were received. Out of these, 156 complaints have

been finally settled. Out of the balance 38 cases, interim replies have been sent to the applicants in 34 cases indicating the present status, and enquiries are being expedited including the police enquiries. 4 complaints less than one month old are under consideration in Passport Office, Jaipur.

[English]

Indo-Pak Talks on Bilateral issues

10216. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold fresh Indo-Pak dialogues on bilateral issues;

(b) whether Pakistan is keen to initiate discussion with India on bilateral issues;

(c) if so, whether any formal request has been made by Pakistan in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d). Government proposed dates in March and again in May, 1990 for holding meetings of the four Sub-Commissions of the India-Pakistan Joint Commission. Pakistan has not responded to our proposals.

Moreover, while expressing its proforma readiness to hold talks with India to deescalate the situation, Pakistan is continuing with its support to subversion and terrorism directed against India. Pakistan is also persisting with its attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue in clear violation of the Simla Agreement.

Integrated Fisheries Development Project

10217. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Kerala State Co-operative Federation for the extension of Integrated Fisheries Development Project to non-project villages; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

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

(a) National Cooperative Development Corporation has received proposal from Kerala State Cooperative Federation for the extension of Integrated Fisheries Development Project to non-project villages.

(b) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), on the request of Government of Kerala, has already extended the project area of Phase-I to include 17 villages in addition to 15 villages initially sanctioned in the project districts of Cannanore, Ernakulam and Trivandrum. NCDC has agreed to extend the project area to include the district of Kasargod. NCDC has also agreed to extend the Integrated Project to cover such additional non-project villages which are Members of project Primary Marine Fisheries Cooperative Societies.

[Translation]

New Post and Telegraph Offices in Rajasthan

10218. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: