

New Branch Post Offices and sub-post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

10290. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRISHEOSHARAN VARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new branch post offices and sub-post offices proposed to be opened in Etah District of Uttar Pradesh during the year 1990-91; and

(b) the number of branch post offices and sub-post offices proposed to be opened in various hill districts of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There are no proposals at present for opening of branch/sub post offices in Etah district during 1990-91.

(b) One branch post office each is proposed to be opened in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli districts and two in Almora district

South-South Cooperation to defuse Regional Tensions

10291. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to improve South-South Cooperation to defuse the regional tensions;

(b) the role Government envisages for SAARC to play in the South-South Cooperation; and

(c) the initiatives taken by India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government are participating fully in all efforts directed towards the promotion of South-South cooperation and hope that such cooperation would also contribute to the reduction of regional tensions.

(b) and (c). SAARC, as an association formed with the express purpose of promotion of regional cooperation in South Asia, constitutes an important embodiment of cooperation among developing countries. It is hoped that in due course SAARC would be able to extend its activities to include cooperation in core economic areas also India, together with other SAARC member countries is actively pursuing this objective.

Inquiry into death of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

10292. SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been recently made to the Government for reopening the inquiry into the circumstances in which Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, died in a jail in Kashmir in June, 1953; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government of India are not aware of any such demand.

(b) Does not arise.

Research on Rice Cultivation

10293. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Rice Development, Hyderabad propose to launch an experiment adopting a package of front-line technologies on to rice fields in Eastern India shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives of the programme; and

(d) the States likely to be covered under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). Sir, The Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad proposes to launch 125 demonstrations in fields of 8 hectares each in major rainfed rice ecosystems in Eastern India.

(c) The objective of the programmes is

to demonstrate improved varietal and management technologies.

(d) The States likely to be covered are Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Packing Cost of Dhara Brand Edible Oil

10294. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the Packing Cost Commission Freight and service charges if any, per Litre of Dhara Brand of edible oil of National Dairy Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Details of the packing cost, commission, freight and service charges per litre of Dhara Brand of edible oil marketed by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are as follows:—

	<i>Imported rapeseed oil per litre</i>	<i>Refined Groundnut Oil per litre</i>
1	2	3
Packing Cost (including service charges)	Rs. 3.86	Rs. 3.86
Commission (whole sale plus retail)	Rs. 1.85	Rs. 2.25
Freight	Rs. 0.75	Rs. 7.75
Total	Rs. 6.46	Rs. 7.16

Accumulation of Royalty under Maulana Azad Memorial Fund

10295. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of royalty accumulated till 31 March, 1990 under Maulana Azad Memorial Fund;

(b) whether it was proposed to organise