

(f) Stationary Post Offices and mail offices established in the various cities/towns adequately cater to the postal requirements of te people. There is no special justification for introducing more mobile post offices which involve substantial initial investment as well as operating costs.

Development of Jowar Crop in Maharashtra

10366. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a development programme for the crop of Jowar was undertaken in Maharashtra in 1989-90; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). For the development of Jowar in Maharashtra "minikit programme" was implemented in 1989-90. Under this programme 1.38 lakh seed minikits of location specific High Yielding Varieties/hybrids were distrib-

uted to the farmers. The implementation of Jowar minikit programme has been useful in increasing the coverage of area under High Yielding Varieties/hybrids. The production of Jowar in Maharashtra during 1989-90, is likely to exceed the production level of 1988-89.

Number of Pensions Killed/Injured and Kidnapped by Terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir

10367. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, police, Military and para-military personnels killed, injured and kidnapped by terrorists and anti-national elements in Jammu and Kashmir during the months of March and April, 1990, month-wise; and

(b) the number of terrorists and anti-national elements arrested and killed during the same period, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The details are as under:

<i>Category of Persons killed</i>	<i>March 1990</i>	<i>April 1990</i>
1	2	3
Civilian	29	33
Police	8	4
Military	—	—
Para-military	3	2

While in March 1990 seven civilians were kidnapped, in April, 1990, 13 civilians and

two policemen have been kidnapped.
(b) The details are as follows:

March 1990

April 1990

Terrorists Killed	26	41
Number of anti-national elements arrested	291	379

Misappropriation of STD Collections In Bangalore

10368. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned from STDs at Central Telegraph Office, Bangalore since December, 1989 to the end of February, 1990;

(b) whether any complaints have been received against misappropriation of STD collections at Central Telegraph Office, Bangalore during December, 1989 to February, 1990;

(c) whether the employees have not issued receipts for the STDs; and

(d) if so, the details there of and the steps taken to recover the misappropriated amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The revenue earned from STDs at the Central Telegraph Office, Bangalore since December, 1989 to February 1990 is as under:

December 1989	Rs. 1,90,296.
January 1990	Rs. 1,54,659.
February 1990	Rs. 1,17,904.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received. Also, the possibility of leak-

age of revenue came to light even earlier as a result of Internal Audit check.

(c) It is suspected that in some cases receipts have not been issued.

(d) STD revenue records are under verification and the full details will be available after investigation is completed. The officials suspected to be responsible have already been suspended, and disciplinary action is being initiated against them. Action for recovery of charges against calls not accounted for has also been initiated.

[*Translation*]

Installation of Letter Boxes

10369. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for installation of letter boxes;

(b) the arrangements made for the safety of letter boxes installed at various public places; and

(c) whether these letter boxes are installed or can be installed at private places also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Letter-boxes are provided in urban areas according to need. There is no criterion as such.