

**Central Duck Breeding Farm in Kerala**

8139 SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Central Duck Breeding Farm in Kerala, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA)

(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Hindi in United Nations**

8140 SHRI YADVENDRA DATT Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are considering to take up the matter of introducing Hindi as an official language in the U N

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) the outcome of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) to (c) The Government has considered the matter on a number of occasions in the past. The introduction of a language including the official language of the United Nations requires approval of the General Assembly to amend rule 51 of the Procedures. Such a proposal has to be approved by a majority in the UN General Assembly. Informal consultations held by the Government in the past and a number of related factors such as the financial crisis faced by the United Nations indi-

cate that this is not an appropriate time to make such a proposal in the United Nations

**Pakistan's Bid to Acquire Sophisticated Military Hardware from Western Countries**

8141. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in "The Hindustan Times" dated 17 April, 1990 wherein it has been stated that Pakistan is making a new bid to acquire sophisticated military hardware from western countries to strengthen its armed forces,

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) Pakistan's continuous efforts to acquire sophisticated military hardware far beyond its legitimate defence needs is a cause for concern

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it

[Translation]

**Opening of New Telephone Exchange in Lawrence Road, Delhi**

8142 SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to open a new telephone exchange in Lawrence Road Industrial area,