

In recommendation the procurement/support prices for a particular commodity, the APC takes a comprehensive over-view of the entire structure of the economy of that commodity, including its production and price trends, available data on the cost of production of that crop, prices of competing crops, the need to provide an incentive to the farmer for increasing production and likely effect of the price policy on the rest of the economy, particularly on the cost of living, level of wages and industrial cost structure. The Commission is also now required to take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors.

While fixing the procurement/minimum support prices, the Government keeps in view of the recommendations of the Commission, the views of the State Governments as expressed by Chief Ministers or Ministers of Agriculture/Food and Civil Supplies, etc. and the views of various concerned Ministries of the Central Government.

Parallel Post Office Racket in Delhi

*196. SHRI CHINTAMANI
PANIGRAHI:

SHRI CHHITTUBHAI
GAMIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether parallel post offices in Delhi and New Delhi being run by a gang have recently been unearthed; and

(b) if so, the number of persons involved and their *modus operandi*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) The entire case is under investigation by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police.

Indoor Stadium near Rajghat, Delhi

*197. SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN:
SHRI CHHANGUR RAM:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has started construction of the Indoor Stadium near Rajghat for the Asian Games against the advice of the Indian and foreign technical experts;

(b) if so, the opinion expressed by the technical experts with regard to the construction of the indoor stadium near Rajghat and the considerations which weighed with the Authority to overlook their opinion; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred by the Delhi Development Authority on the project?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA
NARAIN SINGH). (a) The DDA have started the construction of the Indoor Stadium near Rajghat. They have reported that its construction is not against any considered advice of experts in structural engineering.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The DDA have reported that the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 15.35 crores.

Pollution to Dal Lake

*198. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJ-
ARY: Will the Minister of WORKS
AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Heritage Society has submitted a memorandum urging the Government to the growing danger of pollution to Dal Lake at Srinagar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to save Dal Lake from pollution?