

(b) to (d). Since the entire stock of corn was found to contain aflaxatoxin level lower than 100 PPB, the safe limit prescribed by the Technical Committee, the question of conducting any further investigation did not arise; nor were any complaints of any adverse effects received from any of the consuming units.

Opening of New Post Offices in Rural and Backward Areas in Andhra Pradesh

486. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new post offices in rural and backward areas in Andhra Pradesh in near future;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). The Department has taken up a survey in association with the National Institute of Rural Development to evaluate the Seventh Plan programme of opening of post offices and based on the results of the survey, to formulate norms for the Eighth Plan. Andhra Pradesh is also included in the survey.

The further programme of opening of post offices in Andhra Pradesh as well as other States is to be finalised after the survey is completed.

STD System in Durgachak (West Bengal)

487. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to strengthen the capacity of the STD System of Haldia in order to include the Durgachak area within the same STD system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An automatic exchange is already in operation at Durgachak. It is proposed to commission an optical fibre medium between Durgachak and Haldia in order to provide STD facility at Durgachak.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of New Post Offices in Kerala

488. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the new post offices proposed to be set up in Kerala;

(b) the post offices in Kerala that had been marked for improvement during the last year and the current year;

(c) whether work on any of the Post Offices proposed to be opened or renovated has been postponed/delayed and whether any representations have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Information is furnished below in the statement.