

Fertilizer Handling Plant at Indira Dock at Bombay Port

*732. SHRI S. R. DAMANI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether fertilizer handling plant worth Rs 2 crore at Indira dock of the Bombay Port has remained unused for the last two years,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being proposed to be taken to put the plant into operation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) (a) The fertilizer handling equipment installed at Indira Docks since July 1977, is yet to be commissioned. The sanctioned cost of the Project is Rs 111 crores

(b) The main reasons is the non-settlement of terms and conditions for deployment of labour and sharing of benefits arising out of mechanisation

(c) A Committee of 3 Secretaries from the Ministries of Agriculture, Food and Shipping is already engaged in negotiations with the representatives of labour union(s). As soon as an agreement is arrived at, steps will be taken to commission the plant

Solar Cell Developed at IIT, Delhi

*733 SHRI K T KOSALRAM Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has developed solar cell that converts sunlight into electricity, which is 100 times cheaper than cells made of imported silicon, and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to patent it for commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Although the Solar Cells developed at IIT, Delhi have shown high efficiency, these are not very stable. A lot more of research and development work is still required to be done to solve the major problems of stability and life of these cells. It is too early to take steps to patent the process for commercial production

Memorandum from All India Federation of Educational Association

*736 SHRI K S VEERABHADRAPPA Will the Minister of EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing

(a) whether it is a fact that in pursuance of the resolution passed by the 53rd All India Educational Conference held at Cuttack on December 27-31, 1978 and as endorsed by the Council of the All India Federation of Educational Association at its meeting at Kanpur on February 18, 1979, the All India Federation of Educational Association has recently submitted a memorandum to the Government, and

(b) if so, the details regarding their demand and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) (a) Yes, Sir

- (i) Comprehensive National Policy on Education.
- (ii) National Pay Scales
- (iii) Full Civic Rights for Primary Teachers
- (iv) Education Act

- (v) Secondary Education and Primary Education Grants Commission
- (vi) Withdrawal of Bills depriving Teachers of their right to strike
- (vii) Representation of Teachers on bodies formulating Plans and Programmes of Education

These demands have already been discussed on 23rd March, 1979 with a deputation of the All India Federation of Educational Associations which was led by its President Prof D Lip Chakravarty, M P when they were apprised of the position on all their demands

Non-Availability of Postage Stamps Published in Honour of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

*737 PROF SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether stamps published in commemoration of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru are available in plenty whereas stamps once published in honour of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are not available in the Post office,

(b) if so, the reasons thereabout,

(c) whether the Government will reprint stamps of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for larger circulation through Post Offices, and

(d) if so, facts thereabout?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHEDEO SAI) (a) to (d) Stamps printed on Netaji were special commemorative stamps which are only printed once and in specific quantities. Special commemorative stamps are never reprinted. The stamps on Jawaharlal Nehru were issued in 1976 definitive series. They were reprinted as and when the stocks of various denominations were to be replenished in the normal course.

देहली में डाक तथा तार सुविधाएं बढ़ाने के लिए क्षेत्रीय मुख्यालय बनाना

*738. श्री रामनूज सम्बर्हई :
श्री नटराज साह बी० परमार :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या देहातो में डाक तथा तार सुविधाएं बढ़ाने और उनमें कार्यकुशलता लाने के विचार से क्षेत्रीय मुख्यालय बनाने का सरकार का विचार है,

(ख) यदि हा, तो तत्संबंधी व्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) यह प्रस्ताव कब तक क्रियान्वित किया जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव सय) (क) सरकार ने डाक और दूरसंचार सफिलो में निदेशको के कार्यालयों को विकेंद्रित कर के 2-4-79 से क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों की स्थापना के आदेश दिये हैं ताकि कार्य-कुशलता बढ़ सके और डाक दूर-संचार तथा तार सेवाओं में सुधार किया जा सके।

(ख) इन आदेशों के अनुसार मौजूदा कर्मचारियों और अधिकारियों को विकेंद्रित करके दूरसंचार सफिलो में क्षेत्रीय प्रबंधको के 30 क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों की और डाक सफिलो में निदेशक, डाक सेवाओं, के 27 क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों की स्थापना होनी है। क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों को पर्याप्त वित्तीय और प्रशासनिक शक्तियाँ प्रदान की गई हैं ताकि वे कुशलतापूर्वक कार्य संपन्न कर सकें।

(ग) क्षेत्रीयकरण योजना 2-4-79 से क्रियान्वयन की गई है।