(d) the steps Government propose of take to streamline the working of the Delhi Milk Scheme as would enable it to earn profits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Loss suffered by Delhi Milk Scheme since its inception is given below:—

	Year	Loss in lakhs of Rupees
_	1959-61	5.02
	1961-42	4.16
	1962-63	10 64
	1963-64	23.09
	1964-65	97.77
	1965-66	30.21
	1966-67	14 66
	1967-68	146.71
	1968-69	76.42 (Accounts
		under Audit)
	TOTAL	417.68

- (c) The main reasons for incurring losses are as follows:—
 - Progressive increase in the procurement price of milk.
 - (2) General increase in cost of procurement of Skim Milk Powder and other stores.
 - (3) Time lag in revising the selling price of Milk consequent on the increased cost of production.
 - (4) Fixation of selling prices of milk at levels below the cost of production.
- (d) Selling prices of milk have been realistically fixed from 22nd February, 1969, and Delhi Milk Scheme is "likely to earn a profit during the year 1969-70. The D.M.S. is also proposed to be converted into a Statutory Corporation so that it may have greater commercial flexibility.

Television Coverage Via Synchronous Satellite System

- *264. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, set out an ambitious 10-Year Plan for television coverage of India's half a million villages via a synchronous satellite in the country; and
- (b) is so, the details thereof, and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) This Ministry has not received any such plan.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the price of Agricultural Products

- *265. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact the wholesale prices of agricultural products have increased in January, 1970 vis-a-vis January 1969:
- (b) if so, the specific reason therefor and further details thereof in the context of the so called "green revolution"; and
- (c) if not, the wholesale prices of agricultural products in general and of food articles in particularly in January, 1970 vis-a-vis January, 1969.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Prices of principal agricultural products in January, 1970 were generally higher, except in case of jute, than those a year ago.

(b) The higher prices have been generally due to set-back in output of some of the agricultural products during 1968-69 because of adverse seasonal conditions and further growth of demand. There has also been delay in winter rains this year in

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certain parts of the country, which affected adversely the anticipation of the rabi crops of 1969-70,

(c) In the case of jute, the price of the basic variety was quoted at Calcutta at the end of January this year as Rs. 136.64 per quintal as against Rs. 203.62 last year.

डाक विभाग में कुप्रबन्ध

*266. श्री मोलह प्रसाद: न्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री डाक विभाग में कुप्रबन्ध के बारे में 18 दिसम्बर, 1969 को भ्रतारांकित प्रक्न संख्या 4489 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या विशिष्ट मामलों की जांच इस बीच पूरी हो गई है;
- (ल) यदि हाँ, तो इसका ब्यौरा न्या है; भ्रीर
- (ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं भीर इस सम्बन्ध में की गई धर्म तर कार्यवाही का ब्यौरावया है?

सुचनातथा प्रसारए। भीर संचार मंत्री (श्री सत्यनारायरा सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(स) भ्रौर (ग). 'भ्राज' के 15 दिसम्बर, 1969 के अंक में छपे लेख में पत्रों के खो जाने भीर वितरण में विलम्ब के कूल पांच मामलों का उल्लेख किया गया था। उनमें से एक मामले में, जो 1969 में इलाहाबाद के एक क्षेत्र में तीन दिन तक डाक वस्तुओं का वित-ररान किये जाने के संबन्ध में था, यह पाया गया कि यह तथ्यों पर प्राधारित नहीं था। दो मामले कुछ वर्ष पूर्वहर बताए गए हैं। इस समय लेखक को उनके संबन्ध में कोई शिकायत नहीं थी। शिकायतों के शेष दो मामले पत्रों के स्रो जाने भीर उनके कथित जलाए जाने के बारे में है, जो सुनी सुनाई बात पर भाभारित हैं। उनके संबन्ध में सथाई का पता लगाने के लिए सभी प्रयत्न किए जा रहे हैं।

मुनि प्रजंग पुनरीक्षण समिति का प्रतिवेदन

- 267. भी रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री: वया स्ताचतथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
- (क) क्यासरकार को श्रीए०एन० मुल्ला की मध्यक्षता में नियुक्त भूमि मर्जन पुनरीक्षण समिति का प्रतिबेदन मिल गया है:
- (ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्योश क्या है : घौर
- (ग) उसके बारे में विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों की क्या प्रतिकिया है तथा उस पर सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

लाख, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (भी सम्ना-साहिब शिन्बे) :(क) प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत नहीं किया गया है। प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की भन्तिम तिथि 31 मार्च, 1970 तक बढा दी गई है।

(ख) भीर (ग). प्रश्त ही नहीं होते।

Aid to States Accelerating Agricultural Production Programme

*268. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDLY Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that many state have approached the Centre for more funds for accelerating agricultural production programme ;
- (b) if so, the names of those States :
 - (c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.