

**Introduction of Air-Mail Service for
North Eastern Region**

7253. SHRI ABDUL HAMID : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the II Class Mail Service from Delhi to North Eastern Region is reaching in not less than three to four weeks;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to send the mail through 'Air Mail Service' to North Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to send uncharged II class mail by air to North Eastern region.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Proposal to set up Linear Alkyl
Benzene Factory in Mathura**

7254. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government Propose to set up a Linear Alkyl Benzene Factory in Mathura;

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

(c) the time by which the factory will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Some applications for the setting up of a Linear Alkyl Benzene Project at various locations including Mathura have been received. No final decision has yet been taken in this

regard. Details of such applications are not disclosed till a final decision is taken on them.

[English]

**Expenditure on maintenance of
stocks of wheat and rice**

7255. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a buffer stock of 15.1 million tonnes of wheat and 7.9 million tonnes of rice at present;

(b) if so, the total cost of this stock; and

(c) the expenditure that is being incurred to maintain, manage and handle the stocks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b). Buffer stocks of wheat and rice available with the Food Corporation of India and the States on Central Account as on 28.2.1987 and their cost, are as under :

Wheat		Rice	
Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
111.01	2246.62	88.05	2285.43

(c) The average quantity of buffer stocks to be maintained during 1987-88 is expected to be 95.78 lakh tonnes and its carrying cost is estimated to be Rs. 415.78 crores including transit and storage losses.

**Setting up of public sector industry
in Etah District (Uttar Pradesh)**

7256. SHRI MOHD. MAHAFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have, at any stage, considered the question or made any survey of the area for setting up an economically viable industry in public