

Upgradation of Foreign Post Office in Cochin

4213. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the Cochin Foreign Post Office; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be upgraded ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

H.R.A. for Postal Employees at Alwaye

4214. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether employees of the Postal Department in Alwaye will be given house rent allowance as admissible to B2 cities, and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Alwaye does not fulfil the condition prescribed for categorisation as a B2 class city.

Postal Division and Head Post Office at Wynad

4215. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Postal Division and a Head Post Office are proposed to be opened in Wynad district, Kerala;

(b) if so, the time by which these will be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). (Separate postal division for Wynad district is not justified as per norms. There are separate norms for opening of Head Post Offices. The proposal of Postmaster

General, Kerala Circle for creation of a separate Head Post Office for Wynad district will be examined as per prescribed norms.

Telecast of Programmes

4216. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether national news and international news are proposed to be telecast separately;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether it is proposed that English sub titles would be given to Hindi feature films and Hindi sub titles be given to English films ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National News bulletins telecast by Doordarshan include both National as well as International news.

(c) Not at present.

Gap between Production and Demand of Cement

4217. SHRI P. PENCHALLAIH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the production of cement in various units of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) whether there is any gap between the production and demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Unit-wise production in large size cement plants during 1985, 1986 and 1987 has been given in the Statement below.

(b) The production of cement in the country is, by and large, sufficient to meet the demand for it. There are no reports of cement shortage except in pockets where difficulties arise mainly because of problems of transportation,