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In view of the above, the purchase and distribution of Shri Ashis Mukherjee's film was not considered.

Mobile Post Offices working in H.P.

10062. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile post offices which are working at present in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of mobile post offices proposed to be opened in 1978 in that State;

(c) the time taken in the delivery of Dak to villages in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the time in the delivery of Dak in the State and to what extent the time will be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) 267.

(b) Nearly 60.

(c) and (d).—Out of 16,916 villages in the State, 16,823 have a provision of daily delivery service. The remaining 93 villages in snow-bound areas are getting mails three times a week. These villages are proposed to be covered under daily delivery service during 1978-79.

As a general rule, it takes one to seven days for the mails to reach any post office in Himachal Pradesh depending upon the place of posting and destination. However, mails for branch post offices in snow-bound and inaccessible areas sometimes suffer delay because of inclement weather. A review of the mail arrangements with a view to expedite the conveyance of mails to the branch post offices is a continuous process and all efforts are made to use the fastest means available for conveyance of mails.

Acknowledgement of letters by Telephone Office

10063. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the letters from the Public are not acknowledged by the Delhi Telephone-Office;

(b) what is the numbers of letters received by that office during the last six months, month-wise; and

(c) the number of letters acknowledged during last six months, month-wise;

(d) the number of letters, the action on which is complete during

the above period and the number of letters which are still pending for action; and

(e) What steps are being taken for ensuring coordination in the functioning of Delhi Tele. Office for expeditious dispersal of letters from the Public?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI NAHARI PRASAD**

SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Letters received from the public are taken up for appropriate action straightaway. However, where action is likely to take some time, the letters are generally acknowledged. Besides, letters received in person at the public counter and public Grievances Cell are acknowledged across the counter.

(b) The number of letters received from the public for the past six months are as follows:—

	By ordinary post	By Regd. post	By public counter
Nov., 77	13968	3470	9891
Dec., 77	15385	5665	12205
Jan., 78	14455	4525	11316
Feb., 78	16743	9372	11858
Mar., 78	16721	4978	13173
April, 78	15807	4637	11842

(c) No separate statistics are being maintained in the Telephone District in this regard.

(d) Figures for the quarter January to March, 78 for which information is readily available are furnished below:—

Letters disposed of	Letters pending
112750	4059

(e) The prompt disposal of letters received is being watched by the vigilance cell and remedial action is taken wherever necessary.

Post Offices with own buildings in T.P.

†10064. **SHRI DURGA CHAND:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh which are having

their own buildings and which are housed in rented buildings separately;

(b) the proposals for constructing buildings for Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh during the next five years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to provide residential accommodation for the P&T employees in Himachal Pradesh during the next five years, year-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD
SUKHDEO SAI):** (a) In Himachal Pradesh, 38 post offices are in departmental buildings and 257 are housed in rented buildings;

(b) During the next five years, 20 post office buildings are proposed to be taken up for construction in Hima-