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MONTHLY INCOME SAVING SCHEME SCAM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any recently reported scam involving several lakhs of rupees of post office subscribers in the name of monthly-income-saving-scheme in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted inquiry into the aforesaid matter and the follow up action taken against persons found to be involved in the case;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has formulated any policy to check the recurrence of such incidents; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b): Recently some cases of fraud in Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) accounts standing at Krishna Nagar Head Post Office, Delhi have come to notice. Some SAS agents have allegedly defrauded an amount of Rs. 24,93,501/- (Rs. Twenty four lakhs ninety three thousand five hundred one only) from the MIS Accounts of certain depositors. The Police have registered cases against them.
- (c) The Department has also taken up internal investigation. Four departmental officials found responsible for certain lapses have been placed under suspension.
- (d) & (e): Instructions have been issued that no amount should be permitted to be withdrawn without proper checking, in particular, in cases of premature closure and transfer of such amounts to Savings Bank Accounts.