

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms and conditions are stipulated in the sanction letters received from the Ministries.

(c) The expenditure varies in different agency works. In certain cases due to unavoidable reasons the expenditure is more than the original sanction and in others it is less. The ICCR maintains one centralised Bank Account for grant-in-aid and agency work. Accordingly, the excess expenditure, if any, under one head is met from the savings under other heads. Most of the agency work undertaken by ICCR is of regular nature and efforts are always made to recover the excess expenditure, if any, from the Ministries concerned.

Construction of Post Office buildings in Maharashtra

10213. **DR. VENKATESH KABDE:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buildings for Post Offices proposed to be constructed during 1990-91 in Maharashtra;

(b) the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the allocation of funds for building new Post Offices especially in backward areas in Marathwada?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There are 17 post office buildings under construction and 10 new buildings are proposed to be constructed in the year 1990-91.

(b)	District	On-going works	New works
	1	2	3
	Bombay	3	6
	Nanded	—	2
	Parbhani	1	—
	Solapur	2	—
	Chandrapur	1	—
	Pune	1	—
	Buldana	2	—
	Ratnagiri	1	—
	Kolhapur	1	—
	Goa	1	—
	Osmanabad	1	—

<i>District</i>	<i>On-going works</i>	<i>New works</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Nasik	1	—
Nagpur	2	—
Amravati	—	—
Satara	—	—

(c) The funds are being allocated.

[*Translation*]

Letters from Members of Parliament

10214. SHRI HARI SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from Members of Parliament by his Ministry during 1989-90 and the number of letters still pending reply; and

(b) the steps taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):—

(a)	Total received :	6100
	Pending :	837

(b) All efforts are made not only to send replies to the Hon'ble members of Parliament but also to dispose of the matters raised by them, after due consideration.

Issuance of Passports from RPO, Jaipur

10215. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average time taken in issuing passports in Regional Passport Office at Jaipur and the procedure followed in informing the applications about the delay in the issue of passport; and

(b) the details of the complaints received in this regard during the period from January, 1989 to March, 1990, and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Fresh passports are issued normally within 10-12 weeks from the date of receipt of the passport applications.

Applications are informed about delay in the issue of passports whenever they make enquiries either personally or through post.

(b) During the period from January, 1989 to March, 1990, 194 complaints about the delay in the issue of passports were received. Out of these, 156 complaints have