

- (ii) Consturction of bridge across Pothra Nall on Nadori-Washi-Kora Raod in Wardha District.

(b) The following two road schemes have been approved under the Central Road Fund:

- (i) Improvement of Chandur Bazar Morshi Road in Amaravti District (Estimated cost Rs. 25 lakhs)
- (ii) Improvement to Akola-Akot Road in Akola District (Estimated cost Rs. 20 lakhs).

No bridge work has been approved during the last three years.

Estlmabishment of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Maharashtra

10357. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the eastablishment of a Farm Machinery Training the Testing Institution in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

(b) if so, when;

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

(d) Sufficient facilities have been created with the establishment of the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes, one at Budni (Madhra Pradesh) and the other at Garladinne, Distt. Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh).

Opening of New Branch Post Office and Sub-Post Offices in Vidarbha Region

10358. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open some new branch post offices and sub-post offices in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the names of the places, district-wise where branches and sub-post offices are to be opeed during 1990-91; and

(c) the detailed programme thereof during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There are sanctioned proposal for opening branch post offices in Vidarbha region.

(b) The information is furnished in at attached Statement.

(c) The detailed programmes of extension of postal network is to be worked out after the Department's Eighth Plan is approved and the norms for opening post offices during the Eighth Plan are finalised.

STATEMENT*Branch Post Offices proposed to be opened in Vidarbha Region (1990-91)*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Post Office</i>	<i>District</i>
1	2	3
1.	Alanda	Akola
2.	Waigaon Takum	Chandrapur
3.	Godhani	Nagpur
4.	Thankari	Gadchiroli
5.	Tokepar	Nagpur
6.	Chinchaghat	Yeotmal
7.	Dongargaon	—do—
8.	Wadad	—do—
9.	Nalfadi	Chandrapur
10.	Vilegaon	Akola
11.	Neri (Mirzapur)	Wardha
12.	Undgaon	Nagpur
13.	Itgaon	Nagpur
14.	Matkazari	—do—
15.	Bhaurad	Akola
16.	Wadgaon Mahora	Amraoti
17.	Marda	Chandrapur
18.	Dhanoli	Bhandara
19.	Suplipar	—do—
20.	Dawha	Nagpur

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Post Office</i>	<i>District</i>
1	2	3
21.	Sindhi	Chandrapur
22.	Yergawhan	—do—
23.	Parwa	Yeotmal

Implementation of Programme in Maharashtra Under CAPART

10359. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Advancement of People Action and Rural Technology had been set up to assist the programmes in rural area;

(b) if so, the number of programmes under the Council implemented in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(c) the outlay for 1990-91;

(d) whether the programme is being restructured; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) The Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) has been set up in 1986 to encourage, promote and assist voluntary action in the implementation of projects for the enhancement of rural prosperity and to strengthen and promote voluntary efforts in rural development.

(b) CAPART has sanctioned 250 proj-

ects in Maharashtra during the last three years.

(c) No State-wise outlays are earmarked in advance by CAPART. However, an aggregate outlay of Rs. 28.75 crores has been proposed in the budget estimates for 1990-91 to be provided to voluntary agencies through CAPART. Besides an outlay of Rs. 1.25 crores is likely to be received during 1990-91 by CAPART as foreign donations.

(d) and (e). The programmes being implemented by CAPART are restructured, wherever considered necessary, on the basis of the periodical monitoring and evaluation.

Development of Agriculture in Rajasthan

10360. SHRIMARI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is one of the backward States in agriculture;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt any new strategy for the development of agriculture during Eighth Plan, particularly in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?