

(b) The strategy includes among other things, the expansion of coverage of area under location-specific High Yielding Varieties; propagation of improved production technology; efficient use of inputs; availability of elite planting material and integration of credit and post harvest management practices in Horticulture Sector; and expansion of agro-processing units, their modernisation, diversification and rehabilitation.

Supply of Seed to Karnataka

10364. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of certified seeds of Paddy and Hybrid jowar for Karnataka during 1990;

(b) the total quantity of seeds and National Seeds Corporation has agreed to supply to Karnataka during 1990; and

(c) how the remaining demand of seeds is proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Total certified seeds requirement of paddy and hybrid jowar for 1990-91 for Karnataka as indicated by the State Government is 62,500 quintals and 56,250 quintals respectively.

(b) National Seeds Corporation has agreed to supply 7,415 quintals of paddy seeds and 1,350 quintals of hybrid jowar seed to Karnataka during 1990-91.

(c) The State Government has proposed to meet the remaining demand of certified seed through the Karnataka State Seed Corporation, and private seed producers/cooperatives.

Mobile Post Offices

10365. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mobile post offices are functioning in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of these post-offices district-wise and services provided by these post-offices as on 30 April, 1990;

(c) whether these post offices are very popular amongst the people especially amongst working class;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more such Post Offices during current as well as during next two years;

(e) if so, the names of places, district-wise selected for the purpose; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes Sir, but in Delhi and Calcutta only.

(b) There are 2 mobile Post Offices in Calcutta and 1 in Delhi. These mobile post offices sell postage stamps and stationery and accept registered and unregistered postal articles for despatch including Speed Post items.

(c) These mobile post offices are made use of by people from different walks of life, in the localities included in their running schedules.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.