

(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.

(f) Stationary Post Offices and mail offices established in the various cities/towns adequately cater to the postal requirements of te people. There is no special justification for introducing more mobile post offices which involve substantial initial investment as well as operating costs.

Development of Jowar Crop in Maharashtra

10366. SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a development programme for the crop of Jowar was undertaken in Maharashtra in 1989-90; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). For the development of Jowar in Maharashtra "minikit programme" was implemented in 1989-90. Under this programme 1.38 lakh seed minikits of location specific High Yielding Varieties/hybrids were distrib-

uted to the farmers. The implementation of Jowar minikit programme has been useful in increasing the coverage of area under High Yielding Varieties/hybrids. The production of Jowar in Maharashtra during 1989-90, is likely to exceed the production level of 1988-89.

Number of Pensions Killed/Injured and Kidnapped by Terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir

10367. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, police, Military and para-military personnels killed, injured and kidnapped by terrorists and anti-national elements in Jammu and Kashmir during the months of March and April, 1990, month-wise; and

(b) the number of terrorists and anti-national elements arrested and killed during the same period, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The details are as under:

<i>Category of Persons killed</i>	<i>March 1990</i>	<i>April 1990</i>
1	2	3
Civilian	29	33
Police	8	4
Military	—	—
Para-military	3	2

While in March 1990 seven civilians were kidnapped, in April, 1990, 13 civilians and

two policemen have been kidnapped.
(b) The details are as follows: