

pated in the Mahe Liberation Struggle, receiving Freedom Fighters' pension from Union Government;

(b) the number of applications from such persons still pending with Union Government duly recommended by the Pondicherry Government; and

(c) the steps taken by Union Government for their expeditious disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to Pondicherry Administration, 67 freedom fighters from Mahe are drawing freedom fighters pension.

(b) All applications received through the Pondicherry administration upto the prescribed date, i.e. 31.3.1982 were considered and decisions communicated to the applicants. However, where applicants, whose claims had not been accepted, furnish additional evidence, the cases are reviewed. This is a continuing process. At present, two references from Mahe received through the Pondicherry administration are under consideration.

(c) Disposal of such cases is given priority.

Separate Head Post Office for Wyanad District in Kerala

8128. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Districts in Kerala where there is no Head Post Office;

(b) the number of Postal Regions in Kerala;

(c) under which Region/Head Post

Office does the Wyanad District fall;

(d) whether complaints/representations have been received regarding inordinate delay in delivery of Posts in Wyanad District of Kerala; and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is only one district i.e. Wyanad in Kerala Circle without a Head Post Office.

(b) There are three Regions in Kerala Circle viz.

i) Trivandrum

ii) Calicut

iii) Cochin

(c) Wyanad district is under Calicut region and is served by two Head Post Offices i.e. Calicut and Tellichery.

(d) and (e). Some complaints were received in the year 1988 in connection with delay in delivery of mail. The Chief Postmaster General, Kerala Circle reviewed the mail arrangements to eliminate delays.

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Tree Plantation for Soil Conservation

8129. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trees are planted by Agriculture Department (Soil Conservation) in villages;

(b) whether it is a fact that these trees