

**Central Committee on Pesticides  
Residue**

\*114. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central Committee on Pesticides Residue to look into the various harmful effects of the pesticides;

(b) if so, whether eminent experts on pesticide residue are members of the Committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) There is a Sub-Committee of Central Committee for Food Standards to deal with the Pesticides Residues in food products, under the Ministry of Health, and Family Welfare.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Deportation of Indian Nationals by  
Foreign Countries**

\*115. SHRI PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals deported from foreign countries during the period from September, 1989 till date;

(b) the number of Indian nationals in distress abroad repatriated during the period January, 1988 till date; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance given by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**New Post Offices in Maharashtra**

\*116. DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Maharashtra during 1991-92; and

(b) how many of them will be in Nasik and Ahmednagar districts and the details of the proposed locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) The programme for opening of new Post Offices in the country including that of Maharashtra for the year 1991-92 will be finalised as soon the NIRD report is received.

(b) The post offices found justified as per new norms will be opened during 1991-92.

**Scraping of Haldia Plant**

\*117. PROF. RUPCHAND PAL:  
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Haldia Plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation is going to be scrapped, being not viable;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed for mismanagement and financial irregularities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate the workers of Haldia Plant?