

children for planting under "A Tree for Every Child" Programme. The seedlings to be supplied to the children will mainly be of fruit bearing trees.

Use of Wheat Threshers

2574. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether legislation is brought in the States to compulsorily have the safety devices attached to wheat threshers;

(b) if not, whether the Central Government propose to advise the State Government to bring such legislation; and

(c) whether safety devices were designed to power and bullock-drawn sugar-cane crushers to avoid accidents and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (MISS KAMALA KUMARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Central Government has already advised the Governments in the wheat growing States viz. Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to legislate the manufacture of threshers with safety devices.

(c) Yes, Sir. The following safety devices have been designed for the power and bullock drawn sugarcane crushers to avoid accidents:

(i) Feed plate for animal drawn sugarcane crusher with vertical roller.

(ii) Feed plate for the power operated sugarcane crusher with vertical roller.

(iii) Feed plate for power operated sugarcane crusher with horizontal roller.

(iv) A steel beam with special bend for the animal drawn sugar-cane crusher.

Setting up of Branch Post Offices in West Bengal Circle

2575. SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN

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SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch post offices likely to be set up in each of the Postal Divisions of West Bengal Circle during 1980-81 and 1981-82; and

(b) what is the criteria adopted for opening these branch post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The required information is furnished in Statement I.

(b) The criteria adopted for opening branch post offices is given in Statement II.

Statement I

The No. of Branch post offices likely to be set up in each of the postal Divisions of West Bengal Circle during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82.

S.No.	Name of the Postal Division	The No. of Branch Post Offices likely to be set up	
		1980-81	1981-82
1	Barasat . . .	6	5
2	Murshidabad . . .	5	5
3	Nadia North . . .	1	5
4	Nadia South . . .	1	3
5	North Presidency	Nil	Nil
6	South Presidency	16	11
7	Asansol . . .	Nil	5
8	Burdwan . . .	1	4