

### Schemes for efficient functioning of Posts and Telegraphs Department

\*352. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has initiated many schemes and advised the Post Masters General all over the country to create a mechanism at the circle level for effective and efficient service by the Posts and Telegraphs Department to the common man; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Postmasters General have been directed to strengthen the monitoring mechanism and to effectively monitor the quality of postal service and effect improvements. The availability of postage stamps, postal stationery, forms and essential equipment in Post Offices and R.M.S. Offices will also be continuously monitored. Divisional Superintendents and Sub-Divisional Inspectors have been asked to make frequent and surprise visits to Post Offices and pay particular attention to the counter services and collection, sorting, transmission and delivery of mail.

### Restrictions on alienation of land by Scheduled Castes Persons

\*353. SHRI JAHARLAL BANERJEE:

SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN  
MONDAL:

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to restrict the alienation of land by Scheduled Castes persons all over the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

(RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

### Biological research on Langurs in Rajasthan by Americans

\*354. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:  
SHRI S. KUMARAN:  
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed two Americans to do an extensive biological research on Langurs in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### Statement

Government approved in May, 1979 a Research Project "Behavioural Ecology of All-Male Bands in the Hanuman Langur (*Presbytis entellus*)" of a Ph.D. student from Harvard University by the name of Mr. James J. Moore. In September, 1979 another research project "Integrated Field Study of the Behaviour and Biology of the Hanuman Langur" by two Harvard researchers, Dr. Daniel Bruce Hrdy and Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah B. Hrdy to be assisted by a research student Miss Sylvia Howe was also approved. Both projects are affiliated to Zoology Department of Jodhpur University of which Prof. S. D. Misra is the Head. The first project aimed at a study of behaviour and demography of male langurs and involved observation study of langur troops at Mt. Abu. Mr. Moore came to India in September, 1979 and has been working on his project till recently. The researchers on the second project have yet to start their work. Dr. (Mrs.) Hrdy accompanied by Research Assistant Miss Sylvia Howe, it is learnt, came to India in February, 1980. Dr. (Mrs.)