

Introduction of "GIRO" type savings bank facilities

949. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rejected the proposal to introduce 'GIRO' type saving bank facilities in the post offices; and

(b) what are the reasons for not introducing the system on experimental basis in a metropolitan city like Bombay?

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

(a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal to introduce the GIRO System as a post office service, but not as a saving bank function, is still under consideration.

Set back to agricultural progress in Punjab and Haryana

950. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

green revolution brought about in Punjab and Haryana a few years ago has received a set back, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the farmers in the said States have expressed doubts about future progress in agriculture; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government are taking to sustain the green revolution in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise. In fact, the production of wheat and rice, and as also total foodgrains has shown an upward trend during the past five years as would be evident from the the following figures:

(Production in lakh tonnes)

Year	Punjab			Haryana		
	Wheat	Rice	Total foodgrains	Wheat	Rice	Total foodgrains
1974-75	53.00	11.79	79.58	19.54	3.93	33.39
1975-76	57.59	14.47	88.27	24.28	6.25	50.40
1976-77	62.72	17.41	91.98	27.35	8.15	52.51
1977-78	66.00	24.44	102.00	28.45	9.65	53.41
1978-79	73.88	30.73	116.24	34.22	12.41	63.38

Requirement of Coco

951. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual requirement of Coco in the country;

(b) what was the quantity of Coco produced in the country during 1979;

(c) whether the Central Government have received representations from Kerala to the effect that the processing units of Coco are not procuring raw Coco; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to start new units either in public