

ous aspects of the compilation of the Index such as family living surveys, pricing of rationed and non-rationed items, house rent index, introduction of the 1971 base series, linking factor, price collection procedure and machinery and desirability of associating user interests with the process of price collection work. The report is being studied in consultation with other Ministries/Departments of the Government.

422. [Transferred to the 11th May, 1978].

Minister's Discretionary Fund

423. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of eleven million dollars was paid in two instalments in Switzerland as part payment from the special discretionary expenditure of his ministry in connection with some transactions with the Government of Iran; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The payments were made in accordance with the terms of a commercial transaction between the Government of India and the Government of Iran under the orders of the then Prime Minister.

Opening of a P.C.O. at Khurd

424. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

SHRI JAGJIT SINGH
ANAND:

SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA:

SHRI BHAGWAN DIN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for open-

ing a public call office at village Khurd in Bhatinda district of Punjab; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is unremunerative. Since the place is not entitled to telephone facility on loss as per the norms applicable to such cases, the facility can be provided on rent and guarantee basis, if some interested party is willing to indemnify the loss of the Department.

ई० डी० डी० एच० के वेतनमान

425. श्री बापुरावजी मारुतरावजी देशमुख : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय डाक तार विभाग में ई० डी० बी० पी० एम० एम० और ई० डी० डी० एच० के वेतनमान क्या है ;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान इनके वेतनमानों में कितनी वृद्धि की गई है ; और

(ग) उपरोक्त श्रेणियों के कर्मचारियों के कार्यभार को और बढ़ते हुए मूल्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या इनके वेतनमानों में कोई और संशोधन किया जाना अपेक्षित है ?

†[Pay scales of Extra Departmental Delivery Agents

425. SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-RAOJI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pay-scales of Extra Departmental Branch Post-

† [] English translation.