

ments have also been made for examining detained smugglers regarding their activities.

These enquiries are in progress.

†Agro-based Industries in rural areas

*208. SHRI B.D. BARMAN :

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish a network of agro-based industries in rural areas;

(b) if so, the salient features and objectives thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) Government on their own do not propose to establish a net work of agro-based industries in rural areas. However, under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Rural Industries Project Programme, 54 rural industries projects have been set up at various districts upto the end of Fourth Five Year Plan period. These projects have been set up with the main objective of substantially enlarging non-farm employment opportunities in rural areas through intensive development of small scale industries. The industries set up under this programme cover among others agro-based industries.

57 rural industries projects have been selected for implementation in the Fifth Five Year Plan period. Preparatory work in respect of these projects such as employment of full complement of staff, training of RIP personnel, conducting of techno-economic surveys in order to draw detailed development plans has already

been taken in all the projects. The projects already taken up in the various districts up to the end of Fourth Five Year Plan period will also continue to get financial assistance from the Central Government during the Fifth Five Year plan period.

Functional Division of Posts and Telegraphs Department

*380. SHRI G. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that additional expenditure was incurred on the functional division at circle level into Telecom. and Postal Wings of the Posts and Telegraphs Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof showing (i) the additional posts of officers and upgradation of the posts of officers for each circle (ii) the cost of additional accommodation taken on rent (iii) the cost of furniture and on such other items; and

(c) what are the benefits to be derived from the functional division?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) No additional post has been created. The details of post upgraded/abolished are given in Statement. I. The expenditure is about Rs. 65,000/- per annum on upgradation/special pays. This has been off-set by a saving of about Rs. 1,34,000/- per annum by abolition of certain posts shown in the statement-I.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) About Rs. 57,000/- as per statement-II.

(c) The reorganisation is expected to provide greater attention to the services from Heads of Circles specialised in the respective fields and also enable more effective and co-ordinated execution of development programmes in the Fifth Five Year Plan.

Statement I

Sl. No.	Particulars of posts created/upgraded and special pay allowed	No.	Monthly expenditure/savings
			Rs.

A. Statement showing expenditure on account of creation/upgradation of posts etc. in connection with functional of P & T Circles

1.	Posts created	—	—
2.	Posts Upgraded :		
	(i) Post of Deputy Director Postal (in time scale of pay) in J & K Circle		

†Transferred from the 20th November, 1974

Sl. No.	Particulars of posts created/upgraded and special pay allowed	No.	Monthly expenditure/savings Rs.
	upgraded to that of Director Postal Services in the Jr. Administrative Grade to function as Postmaster-General. (Rs. 1858-1433=Rs. 425)	1	425
(ii)	Posts of Head Assistant (Non-gazetted) upgraded to Office Supdt. (non-gazetted) for 15 Telcom. Circles) (Rs. 998-809=Rs. 189)	15	2835
3.	Special pay allowed :		
(i)	Special pay of Rs. 200/- p. m. allowed to six Telecom. Officers in Junior Administrative Grade to function as General Manager Telecom. Circles and to one Postal Officer in Junior Administrative Grade to function as Postmaster General.	1	1400
(ii)	Special pay to officials for functioning as Cashiers in Telecom. Circles. (@Rs. 50/- p. m.)	15	750
	Total expenditure		5410 p. m.
	<i>i. e.</i> Rs. 64920/- per annum or say Rs. 65000/- per annum		
	B. Savings due to abolition of posts:		
(i)	2 posts of Divisional Engineers, Telegraph (Rs. 1595×2=3190)		3190
(ii)	7 posts of Assistant Engineers (Rs. 1133×7=7931)		7931
	Total :		11121 p. m.
	<i>i. e.</i> 1,33,452 per annum.		
	or say Rs. 1,34,000 per annum.		

Statement II

Statement showing initial non-recurring expenditure incurred in connection with functional reorganisation of P & T Circles on account of cost of furniture and other items.

Sl. No.	Name of Unit	Furniture	Other items	Total
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle.	8915	Bldg. work 15500	41,415
			Air Conditioning 17000	
			32500	
2.	Punjab Telecom. Circle	2342	Bldg work.	4398
3.	Karnataka Telecom. Circle.	3320	—	3320
4.	Expenditure incurred on sign boards, rubber stamps and other petty items by newly created Circles @ about Rs. 500/- at each Circle Headquarter. (Rs. 500×15=7500)		7500	7500
	Total	14577	42056	56633
			say Rs. 57,000/-	