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	cattle camps, water and medicine supply in cattle camps. transportation of fodder)		
3.	Drinking Water ( including supply of drinking water through tankers, special repair of water supply schemes/borewells, deepening/de-silting of wells and water-pits and temporary water supply schemes	50.63	204.99
TOTAL:		778.09	807.84(a)

\* Subject to the adjustment of 75% of balance available in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) account for the instant calamity;

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N.B: In addition, Central Government has approved implementation of a special package for rejuvenation of orchards in thought affected districts of Maharashtra with an allocation of Rs. 400 crore during 2012-13 under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and released an additional allocation of Rs. 25 crore during 2012-13 under Accelerated Fodder Development Programme (AFDP) for enhancing fodder production in Maharashtra.

#### **Setting up of banks at post offices**

\*460.SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 1.55 lakh post offices located in different parts of the country;

(b) whether Government is considering to set up banks at post offices across the country;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the discussion with the Reserve Bank of India for the same is at an advanced stage of finalization; and -‘

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) The total number of post offices located in different parts of the country as on 31.3.2012 is 1,54,822.

(b) The Department has engaged a Consultant to examine the feasibility of setting up of a Post Bank. The report of the Consultant is awaited.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

#### Protection of domestic cows

3411. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is importing cows from Europe and other western countries for increasing the production of milk;

(b) if so, whether it has any impact on the Indian society and its agrarian economy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is taking any measure to preserve and protect the domestic animals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) to (c) Government is not importing dairy cows from European and other western countries to increase the production of milk.

(d) and (e) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States in development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds Government of India is implementing the following schemes for genetic upgradation of bovine population with a focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds:

(i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB)

(ii) National Dairy Plan-I (NDP-I)

(iii) Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs)