Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether old age pension which was distributed door to door by postmen in Himachal Pradesh has been stopped for the last ten months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has not renewed the earlier Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Posts that included:

(i) Payment of benefits received through Post Offices at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries aged 80 years and above and to the pensioners having disability of 70% and above.

(ii) Provision of information regarding re-marriage of the widow or shifting of beneficiary from one place to another or change in disability.

(iii) Provision of Life Certificate of beneficiaries.

(iv) Refund of pension pertaining to the period after the death of the beneficiary

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