

Telephones in States

7032. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of telephones in use in the different States and Union Territories, State and Union-Territory-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 846/68].

Post Offices and Branch Post Offices

7033. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in the different State and Union Territories including the telegraph offices, State and Union-territory-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 847/68].

A.F.P.R.O. Camp at Karnal

7034. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a camp under the A. F. P. R. O. is being held at Karnal (Haryana) from the 25th March to 6th April, 1968 under the patronage of his Ministry ;

(b) whether Government propose to spend an amount of more than Rs. 50,000 on the said camp ;

(c) whether all the participants of the camp drawn from various parts of the country belong to Christian Community ; and

(d) if so, the basis on which the people have been selected for participation in the said camp ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes. A special short-term

course in Agricultural Extension is being organised at the Extension Education Institute, Nilokheri (Haryana) from 25th March to 6th April, 1968 for the personnel of Action for Food Production Organisation.

(b) and (c). No.

(d) Does not arise.

Procurement of Foodgrains

7035. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the share of Co-operative Societies in the procurement programmes of foodgrains for the year 1967-68 Kharif season ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : The share of co-operative societies in the procurement programme of foodgrains for the year 1967-68 will be known after the co-operative year ends in June, 1968. As regards Kharif season, the available information supplied by the State Governments, which covers a part of the Kharif Season only, shows that co-operatives procured foodgrains of the value of Rs. 68 crores.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation

7037. SHRI ANBUCHEZHIAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that officers of the Central Government are still being sent on deputation to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation after 16 years of its existence ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the All-India Staff Federation of the Employees' Provident Fund Employees have expressed its strong opposition to the appointment of deputationist ; and

(c) if so, the policy which Government propose to formulate in this regard and the basis thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) : (a) Yes. Out of 4,589 employees of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation 46 are at present Central Government employees on deputation to the Organisation.