

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total number of complaints attended</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
April ' 1990	88
May ' 1990	112
June' 1990	141
July' 1990	129
August' 1990	125

[*Translation*]

**Schemes to withdraw Departmental control from Telephones and Postal services**

4708. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes are being formulated by his Ministry to withdraw departmental control from telephones and postal services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities where autonomous bodies like 'Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited' have come into being in the country and the success achieved so far;

(d) whether Government propose to implement the scheme in some other cities also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). No,

Sir. There is no proposal to withdraw departmental control from Telephone and Postal Services.

(c) MTNL is functioning for the telephone system in Delhi and Bombay only. The service given by MTNL is quite satisfactory.

(d) and (e). There is no definite proposal at present to convert the Telecom systems at other places into separate Telephone Nigams. The Department of Telecom has however, undertaken an examination of the pros and cons of restructuring its field organisations in the light of the experience of working of MTNL for Delhi and Bombay and other relevant factors.

[*English*]

**Sugarcane Production**

4709. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane production in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, has been reducing year by year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to augment sugarcane production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) No, Sir The sugarcane production in Andhra Pradesh was 116 lakh tonnes during 1988-89 and 1989-90 which is higher than the average sugarcane production of 95 lakh tonnes during the last five years, i.e 1983-84 to 1987-88, in the State

For the country as a whole, a record production of sugarcane exceeding the targetted level of 212 million tonnes is expected during 1989-90.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme of sugarcane development in the country. The strategy being adopted for increasing the production of sugarcane is as under:—

- (i) Production and distribution of quality seed cane.
- (ii) Increasing irrigation facilities.
- (iii) Judicious and timely use of fertiliser;
- (iv) Better management of ratoon.
- (v) Larger coverage under plant protection measures.
- (vi) Transfer of technology through the extension systems including demonstration with companion crops.

(vii) Training of sugarcane development personnel.

(viii) Greater and effective participation of sugar factories in cane development programmes.

(ix) Assuring remunerative prices to the farmers.

Besides, Department of Food provides loan facilities from Sugar Development Fund for assisting the sugar mills to meet the requirement of their factories. The major components on which loan assistance is provided are—(i) setting up of seed treatment plants; (ii) rearing of nurseries; (iii) incentive to growers for improved varieties; (iv) irrigation schemes; and (v) ratoon management, etc.

#### **Production Capacity of FACT**

4710. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production capacity of Fertilizer and Chemicals Travancore Limited has increased over the past three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the annual allocation made for the development/modernisation expansion of FACT during the last three years; and

(d) the profit/loss of FACT during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA VERMA): (a) and (b). There has been no increase in the production capacity of FACT during the last three years.