

give on 3 May, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 7322 regarding Maintenance of Telephone Exchange in Calcutta Telephones and state:

(a) whether the telephone breakdowns in the areas mentioned there-in have been continuously rising;

(b) whether a number of subscribers have been preferring claims for rental rebate for the past one year and not getting any reply;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) whether faults on the telephone are not being attended; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. Faults had increased with the starting of rains.

(b) A number of subscribers have been preferring claims for rent rebate and are being granted the same as per rules.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. The faults are being attended, but when there are large number of cable breakdowns, delay occurs.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Telex Connections on Demand**

3542 SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate

provision of telex connections on demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The draft Eighth Five Year Plan envisages provision of 37300 new telex lines to continue the policy of providing telex connections practically on demands. The plan also provides for replacement of all electro-mechanical type telex exchanges by electronic telex exchanges.

#### **Foodgrains Production in Rajasthan**

3543. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an programme to double foodgrains production in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether State Government has sought the assistance of Union Government to achieved the objective; and

(c) if so, the Central assistance proposed to be given to Rajasthan to implement the programme?

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

(a) For increasing the production of foodgrains in Rajasthan the Special programmes already being implemented include:

(i) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize & Millets

(ii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat; and