

[*Translation*]

New Telephone connections in Udaipur

20. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections released in Udaipur City in 1990 out of the waiting list; and

(b) the number of new telephone connections likely to be released during 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Out of waiting list of 7081 as on 1.1.90, 287 new telephone connections have been released from 1.1.90 to 30.11.90.

(b) 600 new telephone connections are likely to be released in 1990-91. A 5000 lines Electronic exchanges has been allotted for 1991-92 and further telephone connections will be released on commissioning of this exchange.

[*English*]

Milk Consumption

21. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita consumption of milk in the urban and rural areas separately in each State during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the proposal, if any to accelerate the consumption of milk in the Urban and rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVILAL):

(a) National Sample Survey Organisation, Department of Statistics, conducts regularly nation-wise surveys on household consumer expenditure. This survey provides the value of consumption of various groups of household items including the expenditure on milk and milk products. A statement showing statewise results of the surveys conducted during 1986-87 to 1988-89, separately for rural and urban areas, indicating the value of consumption of milk and milk products per person for a period of 30 days, is enclosed.

(b) and (c). As the consumption of milk is linked with its production, various steps have been taken to increase its production. The strategy being pursued in this regard is as under:

- (i) genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their home tracts and upgrading in other selected areas;
- (ii) cross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds;
- (iii) genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas for improvement in milk yields;
- (iv) development of feed and fodder resources;
- (v) organisation of effective animal health services to support the production programme; and
- (vi) Operation Flood Programme.