

- the prescribed stock limits by State governments;
- (viii) Import of oils to bridge the gap between demand and supply.
- (ix) Permission of Blending of conventional oil with non-conventional oils under PFA by notification issued on 23.4.1990;
- (x) Withdrawal of permission for use of 20% expeller mustard oil in Vanaspati;
- (x) Raising of minimum margins on bank Advances against oilseeds and vegetable oil including Vanaspati by 30% across the board during this year.
- (xii) Increasing production of oilseeds through programmes under the oilseeds production Programme for which Rs. 70 crores have been provided in 1990-91.

[English]

Expansion of Telecommunication Facilities in Maharashtra

50. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3613 on 30 August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the information in regard to expansion of telecommunications facilities in the country particularly in Maharashtra has been collected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information had already been collected and compliance was sent to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 4.12.90

A copy of the compliance already sent is enclosed as a Statement.

STATEMENT

The information has been collected from the field units.

(a) The expansion programme for 1990-91 of rural areas in Maharashtra including Goa State is as under:—

It is proposed to replace 362 worn-out exchanges by suitable capacity electronic exchanges and this will result in an increase of 14571 lines. In addition to it, it is also proposed to expand the existing small exchanges (MAX-III and Manual) and this will result in increase of another 1700 lines. Finally altogether it is proposed to expand the rural network during 1990-91 by 16271 lines.

1500 long distance public telephones for rural areas are also proposed to be opened in Maharashtra in this current year.

(b) No, Sir. These facilities in Maharashtra are better than those in several other states & are almost equal to the national average.

(c) In view of above, it is not applicable.

[Translation]

Salary Tors reinstated D.T.C. Employees

51. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: