

## RAJASTHAN DESERT

\*1789. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the result of aerial sowing of seeds in the desert of Rajasthan, in the year 1953 with a view to check the expansion of the desert by afforestation?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** The Government of Rajasthan, who undertook the experiment, have reported that a detailed survey made at the end of October, 1953, showed that 6,715 seedlings had come up.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know the total amount spent on this experiment?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We have not given them any money. It is the State Government's affair entirely. In fact, our Inspector-General of Forests was against this proposal, and all that we know is that they sowed about 220 mds. of seeds.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Out of 220 maunds sown, how many seedlings have come up?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Out of 220 maunds of seeds sown, 6,715 seedlings have come up.

## TELE-COMMUNICATIONS

\*1790. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-divisional headquarters not connected with telephone;

(b) the number of thana headquarters not connected with telegraph line; and

(c) the number of sub-divisional and thana headquarters proposed to be connected with telephone and telegraph lines respectively during 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 254.

(b) 636 in States without Tehsils.

(c) Public Call Offices at Sub-Divisional stations—about 50. Telegraph Offices at Thana Stations—about 60.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** May I know whether all the sub-divisional headquarters and the thana headquarters will be linked with telephone and telegraph during the remaining period of the Plan?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** To begin with, we propose to link them with telegraph; to link with telephone is very difficult.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** May I know whether Garkha thana in Saran district will be linked with telegraph next year?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** It is not easy for me to give information about one particular thana out of a total of 600 or 700.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether Government is depending upon the State Governments to open telegraph stations near-about thanas?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** In certain cases where the proposed telegraph offices are found not to be remunerative, we want a guarantee before undertaking the work, and to the extent the State Government comes forward with the guarantee, the work is taken up.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know whether there is any committee to give advice on tele-communication problems and, if so, who are the members of that committee?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have got circle-wise P. and T. Advisory Committees.

## STERILE COWS

\*1791. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the final results of the experiment on sterile cows to produce milk by hormone treatment;

(b) the names of institutes where such experiments were carried out;