

(d) the names of places where they will be opened during the same period; and

(e) the total amount allotted for the purpose in Rajasthan during 1962-63 and 1963-64?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Thirty three exploratory bores were drilled by the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation in the course of groundwater exploration. Besides, 4 tubewells, 8 Observation holes and 3 Pilot holes were drilled for the National Mineral Development Corporation.

(b) These were drilled in the districts of Barmer, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Nagaur, Jhunjhunu, Alwar, and Sikar.

(c) Twenty four exploratory bores.

(d) In the districts of Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Churu, Bikaner and Pali.

(e) During 1962-63, Rs. 5,25,037.

During 1963-64, Rs. 3,30,790.

Tobacco Cultivation in Rajasthan

1676. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Uiaka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central assistance was given to Rajasthan for the development of tobacco cultivation in the State during 1962-63; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

अररहाट डाकघर के लिये टेलीफोन

१६७७. श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : क्या डाक तथा तार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दरभंगा जिला (उत्तर बिहार) के अररहाट डाकघर में टेलीफोन लगाने की योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उक्त डाकघर (अररहाट) को सब-ऑफिस में परिणत करने का विचार रखती है ?

डाक और तार विभाग में उपमन्त्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) और (ख). ये प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं ।

Tube Wells in Madras

1678. **Shri V. V. Thevar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1906 on the 16th April, 1963 and state:

(a) the progress made in regard to drilling of exploratory bores to absorb ground water for the construction of irrigation tube wells in Aranthangi, Pattukkottai, Orathanad and Thanjavur Taluks so far;

(b) the results obtained in regard to the depth of underground table and the yield thereof; and

(c) when the exploration is likely to be completed and final results expected?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No site has been selected for exploration in Thanjavur Taluk. Exploratory drilling work in the remaining three Taluks of Orathanad, Aranthangi and Pattukkottai will be taken up soon.

(b) and (c). The final results will be available after the exploration in 1964-65.

Procurement Price of Rice

1679. **Shri V. V. Thevar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the procurement price of