

(ख) 1 अक्टूबर, 1967 से 30 सितम्बर, 1968 तक कितने धनाज की बसूली की जाने की सम्भावना है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्ना-साहिब शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और समा के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

#### COMMITTEE ON SUGARBEET CULTIVATION

3943. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Committee has been appointed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to make a comprehensive review of the possibilities of sugarbeet cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the Committee is likely to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) *Constitution of Expert Committee of the ICAR on Sugarbeet Cultivation.*

1. Dr. A. B. Joshi, Chairman, Dy. Director General (CS), ICAR.
2. Dr. J. S. Kanwar, Dy. Director General (S), I.C.A.R.
3. Dr. R. L. Paliwal, Director of Experimental Station, Agricultural University, Pantnagar.
4. Shri R. R. Panje, Director, Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow.
5. Shri S. C. Gupta, Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur.
6. Dr. K. Kanungo, Head of Division of Agricultural Economics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

#### *The terms of reference of the Committee*

(i) To review the recent work done in Indian on Sugarbeet cultivation and to assess the agricultural, technological and economic prospect of the cultivation of the crop in the country.

(ii) To suggest items of research on sugarbeet, which may be carried out under the auspices of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, on varietal trial on a regional basis, breeding, agronomy, pests and diseases and technology of processing.

(c) The Committee will have its first meeting on the 17th January, 1968 and will submit its report shortly thereafter.

#### SEMINAR ON PHILATELY

3944. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : SHRIMATI TARA SAPRE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar on Philately was held recently in New Delhi to consider the question regarding improvement in the Indian stamps;

(b) if so, the recommendations made in this behalf; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Various recommendations were made for the improvement of Indian postage stamps and their sale. The recommendations cover broadly the following subjects :—

- (1) Promotion of philately.
- (2) Designing and printing of stamps.
- (3) Sales promotion and publicity.

They are under consideration of the P&T Department.

#### COAL WAGE BOARD AWARD

3945. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the collieries which have so far implemented the award of the Coal Wage Board and the names of those which have not implemented the award so far; and

(b) the steps taken by Government against those collieries which have not implemented the award so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) : (a) Information is being collected.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CENTRE IN ICHHAVAR TOWN

3946. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Telephone Exchange Centre was sanctioned sometime back for Ichhavar town in Sehore District (M.P.);

(b) if so, when it will start functioning; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No. No sanction has been accorded for opening of a Telephone Exchange at Ichhavar town in Sehore District. The opening of a Public Call Office at Ichhavar town has, however, been sanctioned.

(b) and (c). Owing to a general shortage of stores, particularly of copper wire, the opening of this Public Call Office and similar schemes has been delayed in execution. It is now proposed to use indigenously produced aluminium wire for early execution of this scheme. It is, however, not possible at this stage to indicate precisely when the PCO will start functioning.

SCALES OF RESEARCH PERSONNEL IN ICAR

3947. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to revise the present pay scales of the Research Personnel working in different institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals in this regard and when a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal provides for rationalisation of the pay scales of the agricultural scientists into a few broad categories. Full details of the proposal are still being worked out. The proposal could not be finalised so far due mainly to the ban imposed in June, 1966, in the wake of devaluation, against any upward revision of pay-structure at any level. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

INDIAN VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IZATNAGAR

3948. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7477 on the 1st August, 1967 and state :

(a) whether the grant of Selection Grade to the Research Assistants working in the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar and other research institutes has since been finalised;

(b) if so, whether the salaries of the staff have also been fixed as a result thereof and arrears of pay accruing from the re-fixation of their pay scales paid to them; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay in finalising the same and how long it will take to settle the matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The promotion case of the Research Assistants could not be placed before the Departmental Promotion Committee as certain additional information required is awaited from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute. It is expected that the matter will be settled shortly.