

(b) if so, the amount given to the State for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) So far, 3 Department Stores have been set up in Gujarat State at Ahmedabad, Baroda and Surat.

(b) An amount of Rs. 20.32 lakhs by way of loan and Rs. 2.06 lakhs by way of grant has been sanctioned to the Government of Gujarat for giving financial assistance to the three Department Stores.

**BUILDING FOR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN NIZAMABAD**

4812. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the construction of a pucca building for housing the automatic Telephone Exchange in Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh);

(b) the stage at which the proposal for the construction of the building is at present; and

(c) when the present Exchange in Nizamabad will be converted into an automatic Telephone Exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). There is a 600 line CB Multiple exchange at Nizamabad with 470 working connections on 30-9-67. A plot of land for construction of an automatic exchange building has been acquired and preliminary drawings for the building have been approved. The working/detailed drawings and the preliminary estimate are under preparation. The construction of the building is likely to commence in 1969.

(c) Installation of 1,200 lines auto-exchange at Nizamabad has already been approved. After the automatic exchange building is ready, the installation of equipment will be taken in hand and the automatic exchange is likely to be cut into service by 1972.

**TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN KISANNAGAR (ANDHRA PRADESH)**

4813. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the installation of Telephone Exchange in Kisannagar near Rachampad Project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) when the Exchange will be established there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The commissioning of the Exchange is awaiting supply of copper wire for the trunk line.

(b) By the middle of 1968.

**EXPORT OF MAIZE FROM ANDHRA PRADESH**

4815. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of maize exported from Andhra Pradesh to other States during the last 3 years; and

(b) how much maize was imported by West Bengal from other States during last three years, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No allocation of maize has been made by Central Government for movement from Andhra Pradesh to other States. No information is available with the Government of India whether any maize moved during any one of these years from Andhra Pradesh under any authorization by the State Government or on trade account.

(b) Government of India allocated 5,000 tonnes of maize from Punjab to West Bengal during 1965-66 and 5,700 tonnes of maize from Punjab to West Bengal during 1966-67. No information is available with the Government