

(ख) ऐसे तारों की संख्या क्या है जहाँ हिन्दी जानने वाले तार बाबू के काम पर उपलब्ध न होने के कारण हिन्दी तारों के लेने में क्लिम्ब हो जाता है; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में त्रुटियों को दूर करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा करने का विचार है?

संसद-कार्य तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कृ० गुजराल) : (क) जी नहीं। इसके विपरीत यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि देवनागरी लिपि के तारों का शोधना से निपटान हो सके उन तारघरों में, जहाँ ऐसे तारों का बहुत बड़ा संख्या में निपटान होता है, इस कार्य के लिए अलग परिपथ निश्चित कर दिये गए हैं।

(ख) विभाग को ऐसे किसी मामले का पता नहीं है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

FISHING OFF THE GOA COAST

4933. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deep Sea Off-shore fishing organisation has discovered large areas off the Goa Coast abounding in fish;

(b) whether there is any scheme to survey other coastal areas which might have such fish deposits; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The Deep Sea Fishing Organisation initiated a survey of fishing grounds off Goa Coast late in November, 1967 with two vessels, to explore areas off Goa to test the fishing potential and to study the usefulness of trawling as a means of commercial operations. The two vessels operated in an area of 136 sq. miles in depths ranging

from 20 fathoms to 40 fathoms. This trip showed the presence of fairly good fishing grounds but further experimental fishing has to be carried out to have the results confirmed.

(b) and (c). The programme of the Deep Sea Fishing Station covers such surveys in several areas. Previous surveys have furnished useful information for starting commercial fishing up to 40 fathoms off Saurashtra, Ratnagiri, Mangalore, Kerala, South-east Madras, Visakhapatnam and Paradip Coasts.

UTILISATION OF UNCULTIVATED LAND

4934. SHRI MARANDI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5225 on the 11th July, 1967 and state :

(a) whether statistics for utilisation of uncultivated land for agricultural purposes during 1967-68 are now available;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to utilise all such lands for the agricultural purposes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Since it takes considerable time to collect this information from the State Governments, including Union Territories, after the completion of the agricultural year, no such statistics are yet available.

(c) Suitable land reclamation schemes for utilisation of such lands have been included in three successive Five Year Plans. Till the end of 1966-67, 101 lakh acres have been reclaimed. The targets for 1967-68 are about 5 lakh acres. The Govt. waste lands are being reclaimed under the Centrally sponsored schemes of reclamation of waste lands for the resettlement of landless agricultural workers in which the Central Govt. share the cost of reclamation equally

with the States subject to a ceiling of Rs. 300/- per acre. Besides, State Governments are also providing assistance for terracing and reclamation of uncultivated lands in the form of subsidy and loans recoverable on easy terms over a number of years.

EXPLORATORY TUBEWELLS IN RAJASTHAN

4935. DR. KARNI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take the rigs under the Exploring Tube Wells Organisation from Rajasthan to Madras;

(b) whether the underground water survey and boreholes undertaken by Exploring Tube Wells Organisation in Rajasthan has been beneficial in exploring the underground water and utilising it for irrigation purposes in the desert areas of Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to sanction more tube-wells in the desert areas of Rajasthan so that the oft-repeated famine conditions may be controlled in areas where underground water is available in plenty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation under the Union Department of Agriculture has been assisting the Rajasthan Government since 1964-65 in the construction of production tubewells in the scarcity areas. It has already drilled 167 successful bores. Recently at the meeting held to discuss the State Annual Plan for 1968-69, it was decided that the Rajasthan Government should concentrate during 1968-69 more on the development and utilisation of the bores already drilled successfully instead of going in for more tubewells. No decisions has so far been taken regarding the areas in which the rigs to be withdrawn from Rajasthan will be deployed.

(b) As a result of exploratory drillings the areas between Lathi-Dabla-Fatehgarh villages in Jaisalmer District and Bhotia-Neemla area in Barmer District are proved groundwater worthy for future development by means of tubewells.

(c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise. However, it is for the Rajasthan Government to consider further construction of tubewells in the scarcity areas by its own Organisation, viz., the Rajasthan Underground Water Board.

TUBEWELLS IN LUNKARANSAR TEHSIL

4936. DR. KARNI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Site Selection Committee has approved taking up certain boreholes in the Lunkaransar Tehsil of Bikaner District at its meeting held on the 15th September; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up these boreholes before winding up their work in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes; it was decided at the meeting of the Site Selection Committee held on 15-9-1967 at Jaipur, that one tubewell between Kaloo and Lunkaransar area is to be taken up.

(b) The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation under the Union Department of Agriculture will execute the work between Kaloo and Lunkaransar subject to the sites being accessible for transport of heavy equipment.

LAND OF P. & T. COLONY KIDWAIPUR (PATNA)

4937. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 0.18 acre of land of holding No. 35 belonging to the P&T