

of the wide spread protein mal-nutrition in India and its effects, specially on children; and

(b) the total quantity of such food needed annually to meet the national deficit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Government have taken a number of steps for stimulating production of protein rich food, like groundnut flour, cotton seed flour etc. for human consumption. The oil seed flour which contain as high as 50% protein is being utilised for the production and popularisation of Paushtic atta and Paushtic maida, multi-purpose food, blended atta and Bal-Ahar. Proposals are under consideration for production of pre-cooked protein rich weaning food. The bread to be produced from the Modern Bakery Units being set up by the Food Department will be fortified with lysine, vitamins and minerals which will increase the nutritive quality of bread. Mobile vans are in operation in several States for popularisation and demonstration of these high protein foods.

(b) The information is not available as no such survey has been conducted so far on a national basis.

**TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND CARRIERS
OFFICE AT ITARSI**

1236. **SHRI NITI RAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Itarsi has a Telephone Exchange and Carrier Office;

(b) whether both are located in two different buildings;

(c) whether the Exchange building is being rebuilt;

(d) if so, whether the desirability of having Telephone Exchange and Carriers Office in one building has been considered; and

(e) if so the result thereof ?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) The Exchange building is being expanded.

(d) and (e). The matter is under consideration.

सामुदायिक विकास कार्यक्रम

1237. **श्री बसवन्त :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार सलाहकार समितियों के सदस्य सामुदायिक विकास कार्यक्रमों के काम का निरीक्षण करने के लिये अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में जा सकते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या पंचायती राज तथा जिला बॉर्डे उनके लिये किसी परिवहन सुविधा की व्यवस्था कर सकते हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुपदस्वामी) : (क) तथा (ख) : संसद सदस्यों से समय-समय पर निवेदन किया गया है कि वे अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के सामान्य दोरों के दौरान सामुदायिक विकास खण्डों में चल रहे कार्यक्रमों के बारे में अपना समर्थन तथा मार्गदर्शन दें। राज्य सरकारों को यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कहा गया है कि जहाँ-कहीं भी खण्ड के सामान्य कार्य-करण में रुकावट डाले वगैर सम्भव हो सके वहाँ खण्डों का दौरा करने वाले संसद सदस्यों को खण्ड के किसी सरकारी प्रतिनिधि के संग में खण्ड परिवहन का प्रयोग करने दिया जाए।

CREDIT SCHEMES

1238. **SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how much of the total amount of Rs. 400 crores sanctioned by Government for giving credits to the agriculturists during the year under various credit schemes has been actually issued to the farmers;