

Setting up of a Sugar Industries Corporation

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a sugar industries Corporation on the lines of the Textile Corporation ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter ; and

(c) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. The Government have decided to appoint a Committee to study the working of the sugar industry in the context of the demand for its nationalisation. The terms of reference of the Committee will include the problem of the sick mills.

Recruitment Centre at Imphal for Telephone Department

1670. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open recruitment centre at Imphal for recruiting telephone girls from the local population of the Union Territory of Manipur ;

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

(c) how many girls from Manipur are so far recruited and employed in this job ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). As the recruitment of Telephone Operators is announced through Employment

Exchanges and Newspapers advertisements and arranged by the P and T Circles centrally the question of opening of a separate recruitment centre at Imphal does not arise.

(c) No Manipuri girls have qualified so far for recruitment as Telephone operators but a few Manipuri boys have been recruited as Telephone operators.

Automatic Telephone Exchange at Imphal

1671. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up the work of opening an automatic Exchange at Imphal and also linking all districts and Sub-Divisional Headquarters with Imphal;

(b) if so, when the work will be commissioned; and

(c) the reason for delay in the aforesaid work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes Sir, it is the plan of the Government to open an automatic-exchange at Imphal and also link it to all district and sub-divisional headquarters.

(i) *Automatic Exchange*

The existing manual exchange at Imphal is to be replaced by an automatic exchange with an initial capacity of about 2,000 to 3,000 lines. The work involves acquisition of land, construction of building and supply and installation of exchange equipment and cables.

Part of the land for the proposed exchange has been taken over from the State Government; since this is not adequate for the ultimate requirements of proposed-exchange the