

the University Grants Commission received a letter from the Education Minister of Gujarat proposing the establishment of a new University to serve the needs of the North Gujarat area. The Commission had asked the State Government for complete details of their proposal including the location of the proposed University. These have not so far been received.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The University has started functioning from May, 1979.

पाली, राजस्थान के गांवों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन

3235. श्री मूल चन्द्र डागा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चानोद, लुणवा गांव (जिला पाली) राजस्थान में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन कब तक स्थापित किये जायेंगे और वहां पर अब तक सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन स्थापित न करने के क्या कारण हैं ,

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन गांवों में तत्काल सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन स्थापित करने के लिए आश्रामन दिया था और यदि हां, तो इस आश्रामन को अब तक पूरा न करने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० सेठी) : (क) चानोद और लुणवा में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोनघरों के खोलने के प्रस्तावों से घाटा है । जिसको विभाग की मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार नजरअन्दाज नहीं किया जा सकता । फिर भी, यदि कोई इच्छुक पार्टी प्रत्येक मामले में पक्के रूप से विभाग को होने वाली हानि की क्षतिपूर्ति करने को तैयार हो तो किराये और गारन्टी के आधार पर यह सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जा सकती है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Exploratory fishing Project

3236. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to

strengthen the exploratory fishing project for properly assessing the country's marine resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are proposals under various stages of consideration to acquire new larger vessels for Exploratory Fisheries Project, Bombay. Five new vessels have recently been constructed and added to the fleet of the Exploratory Fisheries Project with assistance from Denmark, Netherlands, and Norway under bilateral aid programme. One vessel is under construction in Japan. Three more vessels are under construction with Norwegian aid at Goa Shipyard for the Project. Hence this organisation is being strengthened to undertake extensive survey in Exclusive Economic Zone of India.

Accommodation Problem

3237. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government employees are facing acute shortage of accommodation and particularly employees of the middle and low income group, cannot afford to pay rents of private owned houses which are extraordinarily high; and

(b) if so, the year upto which houses could be given to all the Government servants?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Due to acute shortage of accommodation in the General Pool, a large number of Government employees have not been allotted Government accommodation. The private arrangements made by such employees and rents being paid by them are not known.