

down from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 90/- per quintal in some districts of Maharashtra;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any proposals for purchase of onions under the Market Intervention Scheme to save farmers from heavy losses; and

(d) the details of the time bound programme launched in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The onion prices which were ruling in the range of Rs. 60/- Rs. 286/- per quintal depending upon the quality of onion during the first fortnight of November, 1989 came down to the level of Rs. 40/- Rs. 146/- per quintal during the first fortnight of December, 1989 in some districts of Maharashtra.

(b) The State Government has reported that there has been a bumper crop of onion on account of adequate back-up services and favourable climate.

(c) and (d). The Central Government have not received any proposal for purchases of onion under the Market Intervention Scheme. However, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) is making commercial purchases of onion in Maharashtra according to its requirements.

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

232. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is under review and there are proposals for restructuring the programme to achieve the objectives of employment guarantee.

Modernisation of Telegraph Office at Jajpur (Orissa)

233. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for upgradation, modernisation and addition of more TP machines as well as connections to different Stations of Telegraph Office at the Sub-Divisional Headquarters of Jajpur (Cuttack District of Orissa);

(b) if so, the details there of and steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the names of the stations to which Jajpur Telegraph Office is proposed to be connected directly in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) The existing Teleprinter circuit at Jajpur Telegraph Office is adequate to handle the present traffic. However, this Telegraph office is proposed to be connected to the electronic Store and Forward Message Systems as part of Telegraph Modernisation programme.

(b) A 32 Line Store and Forward System is planned for installation in Cuttack.

(c) Most of the important cities and towns of the country on the Store and forward Network will become available to Jajpur Telegraph Office on direct links on installation of the Store and Forward Systems.