

(e) Various measures have been taken to tackle the problem including intensification of patrolling by B.S.F. and other agencies. As and when infiltrators are intercepted, they are pushed back to Bangladesh. Border roads are being constructed for better communications. Mobile Task Force have been constituted for detection of infiltrators. Moreover, the State Governments have standing instructions to expel/push back Bangladeshi infiltrators as soon as they are detected. The State Governments have also powers to prosecute them under the Foreigners Act 1946.

Research for Evolving New Cropping Pattern

1224. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether research is being undertaken to evolve a new cropping pattern to withstand vagaries of floods in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Universities involved in that research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Diaraland, a centre is located at North Lakhimpur (Assam). The Centre has developed cropping patterns and varieties of rice, toria, potato and green gram suitable for diara areas affected by flood vagaries.

(c) The Project is being implemented by the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat (Assam).

[Translation]

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronics in Bihar

1225. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Hirnpur and Pankur Telephone Exchanges of Santhal Pargana into electronic exchanges;

(b) if so, the time by which the work in this connection is likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number and names of telephone exchanges which have so far been converted into electronic exchanges in Bihar, district-wise and the number of those where this work is in progress; and

(d) the names of Telephone Exchanges which are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges in Bihar, district-wise during current financial year and the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on each of them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) Hirnpur will be converted into electronic exchange during 8th Five Year Plan.

(ii) Pankur is likely to be converted into electronic exchange during 1991-92.

(c) 101 telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges in Bihar upto 31st March 1991 as per details given in Statement I.

The work of conversion of 16 telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges is in progress.

(d) The details of 39 telephone exchanges which are planned to be converted into electronic exchanges in Bihar during current financial year are given in Statement II. Total expenditure of Rs. 25 crores approximately will be incurred on this account.