

fertilizer w.e.f. 29-6-1983 and enhancement of the support price of Paddy.

- (ix) A scheme at a cost of Rs. 250 crores has been sanctioned to assist the small and marginal farmers, of which distribution of fertilizer minikits constitutes an important component.
- (x) It was decided to sell over two year old stock of FCI to the farmer on a 10% rebate. This would be in addition to 7.5% reduction in prices of all varieties of fertilizers allowed by the Government on 29-6-1983.
- (xi) Inputs fortnights were observed before the two main cropping seasons for making fertilizers and other inputs and credit available to the farmers adequately and timely.

**Draws held under HUDCO
Scheme of 1979**

5394. SHRI Y.P. YOGESH ;
SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL ;

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether applicants declared successful in the draws held so far under the New Pattern of HUDCO Scheme, 1979 have been permitted to change the localities ;

(b) if so, the particulars of such applicants ;

(c) whether 4 draws have been held so far under HUDCO Scheme 1979 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof, draw-wise ;

(e) whether no specific draws have been held so far which follow the general draws as in (c) above ; and

(f) if so, the detailed reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Disconnection of Telephone at the
Press Information Bureau**

5395. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether several telephones at the Press Information Bureau have been disconnected ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether these disconnections were due to non-payment of dues or due to inefficiency of the department in not making the payment in time ;

(d) if so, whether any officials have been held responsible ; and

(e) the number of press briefings and press conferences by the Reporters during the period of telephone disconnection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Twenty-three telephones remained disconnected during the period 19th March, 85 to 23rd March, 1985.

(c) and (d) . The phones were disconnected by Post and Telegraph for non-payment of dues. The bills could not be paid in time because of certain unavoidable reasons. Hence the question of fixing responsibility did not arise.

(e). No press Conference/briefing was held by the reporters.