

has been defined in such a manner that among others, a person, who being employed in a supervisory capacity and drawing wages not exceeding Rs. 1000/- per mensem would be an employee for the purposes of that Bill, *vide* sub-clause (g) of clause 2 of that Bill.

#### Complaints from Amravati Telephone Subscribers

2598. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication dated the 18th September, 1978 from the telephone subscribers of Amravati (Maharashtra) after the reply was given to Unstarred Question No. 3544 on the 10th August, 1978;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government and whether Government have enquired into the statements made in the communication; and

(c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

#### Population Growth

2599. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts are being made to check the population growth through educational and motivational programmes so as to bring down the birth rate to about 30 per 1000 by 1982-83 as envisaged in the draft-Five-Year Plan;

(b) the broad outlines of the operational programme designed to achieve the goal; and

(c) the total capital outlay involved in this programme and the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). (i) All media of publicity at the disposal of the Central and State Governments, including the Media Units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are being utilised to promote the small family norm through the All India Radio alone about 40,000 programmes are being put across this year from all the stations and in different languages.

(ii) Orientation camps of opinion leaders are being organised at the block level to educate village leadership about the various aspects of the programme and to achieve its active participation in it. 10,000 such camps are planned for this year.

(iii) A special Family welfare Fortnight was organised in September-October to focus people's attention on the important of the programme and to increase its acceptance. It is also proposed to hold a Special Family Welfare Month in January, 1979 to further the programme.

(iv) All Ministries of the Central Government have been requested to lend support to the motivational efforts being made by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(v) The community health workers under the Rural Health Scheme have been given training in family welfare and they are expected to promote the programme in their respective areas;

(vi) The programme will also be promoted through the National Adult Education Programme and all other grass root level organisations.