

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): No telephone industry/project has been set up or installed since April, 1977.

Formulation of National Urbanisation Policy

134. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national urban policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering any freezing of the population of major cities?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Works and Housing.

Small Farmers Development Agencies in Maharashtra

135. SHRI V. G. HANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the future of Small Farmers Development Agencies in Maharashtra State is under consideration of Government;

(b) whether the State Government have also informed that the projects are being continued during the year 1979-80; and

(c) if so, how much amount has been given to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The Government of India have decided to continue the Small Farmers Development Agency programme during the year 1979-80 in all the project areas in the country including the State of Maharashtra and the State Governments/Agencies have been informed about it.

(c) An amount of Rs. 2.50 lakhs per block is proposed to be given to Small Farmers Development Agencies for normal programmes which will be provided by the Centre and the State on 50:50 basis.

Progress of Committee on Methodology on cost of cultivation

136. SHRI V. G. HANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 301 on 12th March, 1979 regarding Committee on cost of production of crops and state the progress so far made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): The Committee has received the views of the Officers-in-Charge of the Comprehensive Scheme on Cost of Production Studies most of whom are Professors in Agricultural Universities. Discussions on the various aspects of the terms of reference have also been held with them and other experts.

The work of the Committee is in progress.