

**Licences for Sugar Factories in
Andhra Pradesh**

7665. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been made to Government to issue the licences for sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, from whom the representations have come; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) and (b). No representation has been made to the Government to issue licences for sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh. However, a memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister of India by Shri K. Narsinga Rao on behalf of the people of Medak district requesting for establishment of a Co-operative Sugar factory in Medak.

(c) Necessary action will be taken when the application for grant of an industrial licence is received through the State Government.

Shortage of Galvanised Wire

7666. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of galvanised wire; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take up the manufacture of the wire in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). By and large there is no shortage of galvanised wires, barring for small quantity in special and sophisticated gauges, including fine

gauge wires. Government have permitted all existing wire drawing units freely diversify the production of all categories of wires.

Telex Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

7667. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telex exchanges to be started in Andhra Pradesh this year; and

(b) the places where they are to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). One telex exchange is likely to be installed at Kurnool during 1980-81 subject to receipt of complete equipment.

Rural and Urban Telephone Connections in Gujarat

7668. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken since 1st February, 1980 to provide telephone connections in rural and urban areas of Gujarat;

(b) the number of telephone connections given in rural areas in each district of Gujarat during the last three years; and

(c) the likely number of telephones to be provided during 1980, 1981 and 1982 and the names of such rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) A number of exchanges have been opened and expanded during the period in rural and urban areas of Gujarat to provide further telephone connections. During the quarter 1st February, 1980 to 30th April 1980, 9356 telephones have been added in Gujarat.