

Applications for Telephone Connections in Rajasthan

891. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for the grant of telephone connections in Rajasthan at present;

(b) the number of applications pending during the last year and the number of connections given during that period;

(c) how long it takes for a person to get a telephone connection on the basis of these figures; and

(d) whether it is possible to meet the demand for telephone connections there at the end of the Sixth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) 7,197 on 1st April, 1980.

(b) On 1st April, 1979, the waiting list was 3,328 against which 4,581 new telephone connections were provided during 1979-80.

(c) On the basis of figures in (b) above, the average waiting period appears to be less than a year. However, the actual waiting period varies from station to station being the longest in very large cities and in case of long distance connections from rural exchanges.

(d) It is expected that most of the applicants on waiting list as on 1st April, 1980 will have been provided telephone connections by end of 1982-83.

चावल आयात तथा उसमें आत्मनिर्भरता

892. श्री मूल चन्द डागा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने चावल का आयात

करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

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(ग) क्या देश में चावल की वर्तमान आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिये देश को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने हेतु एक नई योजना तैयार की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि तथा ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र सिंह राव): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) देश की चावल संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को पहले ही घरेलू उत्पादन से पूरा किया जा रहा है। तथापि, अधिक पैदावार देने वाली किस्मों से संबंधित कार्यक्रम, सामुदायिक नर्सरियों, मिनीकिट तथा किसानों को प्रशिक्षण देने तथा शिक्षा प्रदान करने विषयक कार्यक्रमों जैसी योजनाओं को दीर्घकालीन आधार पर जारी रखा जा रहा है ताकि चावल के उत्पादन में वृद्धि की जा सके।

Potatoes Rotting in Budaun, U.P.

893. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Potatoes worth about Rs. 20 crores lying in the cold storage in Budaun District of U.P. are rotting due to power shortage; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO):

(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.