

Location of National Agricultural Farm in Bihar

3853. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government propose to locate a large National Agricultural Farm in Bihar for which State Government of Bihar was requested to make available large area of land a few years ago;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a very large area of land measuring more than fifty thousand acres is lying fallow in the district of Purnea between Jalalgarh and Forbesganj which can serve the purpose of the proposed National Agricultural Farm; and

(c) if so, whether Union Government want to take up the proposal afresh and locate the farm there, and if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal with the Union Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government feels that it would be proper to consolidate the existing farms with State Farms Corporation of India before opening new ones.

Selection Grades for Non-Teaching Employees of Jawaharlal Nehru University

3854. SHRI JAI NARAYAN ROAT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawaharlal Nehru University have received representations from some of

their non-teaching employees regarding introduction of selection grade in such categories where it is not in force at the present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many categories of employees of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, promotion channel and selection grade schemes are in operation; and

(c) if so, what are the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, only one representation from a Security Officer for introduction of Selection Grade is under consideration of the University.

(b) and (c). There is provision for Selection Grade in Class IV posts and for other 31 categories of technical posts for which there are ordinarily no promotion avenues. In the case of other posts, promotion avenues are available, subject to fulfilment of other requirements e.g. qualification/experience etc.

Replacement of Old Telephone Exchange Equipment

3855. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government