

extensively the world over, including the most advanced countries like the USA and Japan. Factories even in most advanced countries (i.e. in the field of telecommunication) are still producing cross bar equipment and such equipment is being installed in expansion of existing telephone exchanges in these countries. It is also not a fact that cross-bar exchanges operating in India are responsible for telephones remaining out of order.

Keeping in view the wide and still widening gap between the demand for new telephones in the country and indigenous availability of telephone switching equipment Government have decided to go ahead on priority basis to establish a factory to produce two lakh (equivalent) lines per annum of indigenously developed cross-bar switching equipment (I.C.P.) in fulfilment of an earlier decision to manufacture three lakh (equivalent) lines of electro-mechanical switching equipment at Rae Bareilly.

Operation Flood II

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

(a) when the Operation Flood II was launched;

(b) the number of families it aims to cover and the number of milch animals they expect to rear during that period; and

(c) whether this project also plans a national grid of milk sheds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Operation Flood Project was sanctioned by Government of India in October, 1978.

(b) The Project aims to cover about ten million rural families and a national milch herd of fifteen million.

(c) It aims to develop a national milk grid by linking 153 cities having population of more than one lakh (according to 1971 census) to about 155 rural milk sheds proposed to be covered by it.

Works undertaken under food for work Programme in Andhra Pradesh

944. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of works taken up by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Food for Work Programme since the commencement of this programme;

(b) the number of works completed till now;

(c) the number of works still incomplete;

(d) the foodgrains required to complete the works; and

(e) the reasons for not supplying the foodgrains to complete these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) 2,87,350

(b) 1,94,475

(c) 92,883

(d) and (e). According to the estimation of the State Government, about 23,500 Metric Tonnes of foodgrains are required to complete these works. As against this estimation, a quantity of 42,000 Metric Tonnes of foodgrains is being released to them.

Racket on sale of milk of Mother Dairy

945. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the racket in the sale of Mother Dairy milk by a collusion of the