

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Increase of sugar production**

976. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:  
 SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:  
 SHRI CHITUBHAI GAMIT:  
 SHRI B. V. DESAI:  
 SHRI CHITTA BASU:  
 SHRI K. PRADHANI:  
 SHRI N. E. HORO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal under consideration to increase the capacity of sugar production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new licences will be given for cooperative sector only as a policy of Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The Government have decided to increase the sugar production capacity of the country by granting licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion in the existing units, in the ratio of 60:40.

(c) and (d). According to the guidelines issued by the Government regarding the present policy of granting licences for the establishment of new sugar factories in the Cooperative/Public Sector will continue in the Sixth Plan. However, in areas where the proposals from the Cooperative/Public Sector are not received, the proposals from the Private Sector could be considered.

Committee set up to go into working of Telephone department.

977. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:

SHRI K. LAKAPPA:

SHRI DARAM DASS SHASTRI:

SHRI H. N. GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state how many committees have been set up to go into Telephone Department's working in the last 25 years and how many recommendations of such committees have been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Staff Position in Telephone Department**

978. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:

SHRI DHARAM DASS SHASTRI:

SHRI H. N. GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of overstaffing in the Telephone Department;

(b) whether it is fact that while world average is 100 phones per employee, it is only 10 per employee in India; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) There is no question of overstaffing in the Telephone Department as staff is provided against posts which are sanctioned according to prescribed norms.