

the level of farmers who adopt prevalent storage practices which are not sufficient to afford protection to food-grains from rodent, insect, moisture and birds which are the main factors causing losses.

At the Government level the main agency entrusted with handling of foodgrain is Food Corporation of India. Food Corporation of India stores the foodgrains on scientific principles. Consequently the losses have been minimal during 1976-77 (0.7 per cent), 1977-78 (0.9 per cent) and 1978-79 (1.0 per cent) on the basis of quantity sold. Government is also conscious of the need to improve the storage condition at the farm level for which a phased countrywide Central Save Grain Campaign programme is under implementation for educational motivation and persuasion of rural masses to adopt modern storage practices and thus reduce foodgrain losses.

गुजरात में पेय जल की कमी

5537. श्री नरसिंह मरुदान : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में पेय जल की कमी को दूर करने के लिए विश्व बैंक द्वारा 116 करोड़ रुपये की राशि की मंजूरी किए जाने के बाद सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा योजना के लिए सहायता के रूप में कितनी राशि दी जायेगी ; और

(ग) विश्व बैंक से कितनी राशि मिलने की संभावना है और शेष व्यय को किस प्रकार पूरा किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

संतदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्री श्री भोष्म नारायण सिंह : (क) गुजरात, जलपूर्ति और मल निकास परियोजना अभी

हाल ही में विश्व बैंक सहायता के लिए प्रस्तावित की गई है और अभी इसका मूल्यांकन किया जाना है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) : इस स्थिति में इसका प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Expansion of Public Sector Telephone Industries

5538. SHRIMATI GURBRINDER KAUR BRAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expansion programme of the Public Sector Telephone Industries in the country during the next two years;

(b) whether the proposal to set up Public Sector Telephone Industries in Punjab is under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) To meet the growing demand of telecommunication equipment the Government have taken several steps to increase production capacities by expansion of the existing units. The most important among these are:—

(i) setting up a factory to produce 2 lakh lines per annum of indigenously developed crossbar switching equipment (ICP) at Rae Bareilly Unit of ITI;

(ii) augmenting the present manufacturing capacity of 10,000 lines per annum of small electronic exchanges at Palghat Unit of ITI to 1.5 lakh lines per annum through manufacture of electronic trunk automatic exchanges, private automatic exchanges and rural auto exchanges.

(b) and (c). There are no firm proposals for setting up Public Sector