

Agriculture Study Team of Japan

3389. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Agriculture Study Team of Japan recently visited the Hirakud Canal irrigated areas and have suggested improvement of cultivation there;

(b) if so, the nature of their suggestions; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). A Japanese Team of Agricultural Specialists surveyed areas in 6 States including Orissa with a view to selecting four rice growing districts in 4 States in connection with the scheme for the setting up of Demonstration-cum-training Centres for increasing rice production with the use of Japanese type of agricultural implements. The team has since returned to Japan and will be submitting its report to their Government for consideration.

D.G.P. & T. Building in New Delhi

3390. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) when was the new building of the Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi occupied;

(b) what arrangements were made to provide for the air-conditioning of the building before its occupation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cooling and heating facilities have only been provided to officers and the subordinate staff allowed to suffer even upto now;

(d) whether the absence of these facilities has created any discontent amongst the subordinate staff and what steps are being taken to allay their sufferings; and

(e) when is the air-conditioning of the building likely to be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) The occupation of this building commenced on 1st October, 1958 and was completed in stages by January 1959.

(b) The building has been constructed with provision for central air conditioning; the central air conditioning plant could not be imported so far owing to scarcity of foreign exchange.

(c) Officers entitled to room air conditioners according to rules have been provided with them. All the other rooms, excluding big halls, whether these are occupied by officers or subordinate staff, have been provided with room coolers. In the big halls, Khas Khas tatties are being installed and also pedestal fans for air circulation. In the top floor which is exposed to the sun, large capacity desert coolers have been installed.

(d) No.

(e) The building will be provided with a central air conditioning plant when the foreign exchange position permits of import of the necessary equipment.

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टेलीफोन**

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क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मन्त्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बीकानेर डिबीजन के बित्तन पुलिम स्टेशनों में टेलीफोन लगे हुए हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ पुलिस स्टेशनों के टेलीफोन के बिलों का भुगतान ना करने पर उनके कनेक्शन काट दिये गये हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां. तो क्या पुलिस विभाग को कनेक्शन काटने के पहले सूचना दी गई थी ?