

(SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Three (Bangalore, Hubli and Mangalore).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes. Mysore automatic exchange is under installation. Plans have been drawn up for another 12 main automatic exchanges, in a phased manner.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOODGRAINS

246. SHRI PARTHASARATHY :
SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH
CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Minister at a London News conference on the 8th September, 1967 stated that India might be self-sustaining in Food production by 1975 or 1976; and

(b) whether it is the latest time schedule for our attaining self-sufficiency in Food ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No Sir. What the Finance Minister said was he hoped that India would be economically self-supporting by 1975 or 1976, provided that the trade and aid climate is favourable.

TRAINING CENTRE FOR FISHERIES

247. SHRI PARTHASARATHY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up a training Centre for fisheries to meet the shortage of trained personnel in the fishing industry with the help of Japan, which has highly mechanised fishing industry; and

(b) if so, the places chosen to locate the training Centre for fisheries in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No. To meet the shortage of trained manpower for fisheries development the Government of India has established a training centre for fisheries officers in Bombay called the Central Insti-

tute of Fisheries Education, with a branch for junior officers in Calcutta (Barrackpore). Various inland States have their own training centres for field staff, and 2 institutes for inland operatives have been recently opened by the Government of India at Agra and Hyderabad. For marine training the Government of India has set up the Central Institute of Fisheries Operatives at Ernakulam and another unit is being established in Madras. Maritime States have also set up training centres for marine operatives. The Government of Mysore has a training centre for fish processing at Mangalore in collaboration with Japan. The Indo-Norewegian Project also provides training in fish processing.

FOOD PRODUCTION IN BIHAR

249. SHRI SHASHIBHUSHAN BAJPAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to invite a survey team from U.S.A. and Japan to visit India to enlighten the Bihar farmers on how to increase food production by overcoming drought and flood through the measures they had adopted when faced with similar conditions in their countries 30 years ago;

(b) if so, when the team is likely to come;

(c) what will be its composition; and

(d) how the expenditure on the team is to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

MANUFACTURE OF AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

250. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN BAJPAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Agriculture has submitted to the Government of Kashmir a scheme for manufacturing new and improved agricultural implements; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?