

VISIT OF CANADIAN TEAM OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS

2124. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
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Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Canadian team of agricultural experts came to India in October, 1967 to explore possibilities of Canadian help in the field of agriculture, food production and distribution;

(b) whether they have started their work; and

(c) whether they will submit their report to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Task Force will submit its report to the External Aid Office, Canada.

PUBLIC CALL TELEPHONES AT POST OFFICES OF BABU BARHI AND LADANIA

2125. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Babu Barhi and Ladania in Darbhanga District in Bihar fall on the border with Nepal and due to the Kamala river intervening between them, other parts of the district are practically delinked excepting through a solitary bridge;

(b) whether Government propose to establish public call telephones at the post offices of these two places;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Ladania is on the Indo-Nepal border and Babu Barhi is

10-12 miles inside in Indian territory. There is a river between them and access from Ladania to Babu Barhi is through a solitary bridge.

(b) to (d) Sanction for opening a P.C.O. at Ladania has already been accorded as a special case (being on the border) even though the scheme shows loss to the Department. The work is expected to be completed in about 3 months. A proposal to open a Public Call Office at Babu Barhi was examined, and since it was showing loss to the Department, the terms of guarantee of Rs. 1,860 per annum for ten years were quoted. The terms have not been agreed to by the interested party, and the scheme has not been sanctioned so far.

गन्ना तथा चीनी का उत्पादन

2126. श्री भोगेन्द्र झा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री 8 अगस्त, 1967 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 8271 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कारण है कि देश में केवल बिहार ही एक ऐसा राज्य है, जहाँ दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना की अवधि के अन्त (1960-61) में गन्ने का जितना उत्पादन होता था और जितनी भूमि पर गन्ने की खेती दी जाती थी, तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त (1965-66) में उसका उत्पादन तथा उसकी खेती का क्षेत्रफल बढ़ने के बजाय घटा है; और

(ख) इस प्रवृत्ति को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्डे) : (क) बिहार में गन्ने की खेती मुख्यतः वर्षा पर निर्भर क्षेत्र में की जाती है। दुवाई के क्षेत्र तथा उत्पादन में होने वाली कमी का मुख्य कारण 1965-66 में अति सूखे की स्थिति का होना था।

(ख) बिहार में गन्ने की दुवाई के क्षेत्र तथा