

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कब लागू की जायेगी ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संसद-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) : (फ) तथा (ख). इस संबन्ध में एक सुझाव विचाराधीन है ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

**Settlement of Landless Labourers in Yeotmal District in Maharashtra State**

6391. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the centrally-sponsored scheme under which the landless labourers are being settled in Yeotmal District in Maharashtra State; and

(b) the number of persons and land given to them and the amount spent on this scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The Centrally sponsored scheme under which Central assistance is given for reclamation of wastelands and resettlement of landless agricultural labourers is in operation in almost all States including Yeotmal District of Maharashtra. The pattern of Central assistance for the scheme is as under:—

(i) *Cost of Reclamation*

The Central Government shares the grant and loan portion equally with the State Government, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 300/- per acre of land allotted.

(ii) *Initial expenses in resettlement*

Grant	..	75%
Loan	..	25%

subject to a ceiling of Rs. 750/- per family.

(b) According to the latest information available, an area of about 18,738 acres has been allotted in Yeotmal District to 2475 families at a cost of about Rs. 41,31,630.

**Brick Silo**

6392. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a mud brick silo for storing foodgrains;

(b) whether adequate tests have been conducted to satisfy that the silo will suit the local conditions in the different States;

(c) whether the cost of the silo would be economical and within the means of the farmers; and

(d) if so, the steps which are proposed to be taken to popularise it in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed what is called the 'Pusa Bin' for safe storage of grain in the villages. The information about this structure has appeared in some newspapers under the heading 'Mud Brick Silo to Store Grain'.

(b) This storage structure has been under test for various periods at various places since 1959 when its first account was published in a scientific journal. It has been tried in seven villages of Delhi State, at

the Institute's Botanical Sub-Station, Pusa (Bihar), in four villages in district Burdwan (West Bengal), at the State Farm at Bhubaneswar (Orissa) and in two villages of Tanjore District in South India.

(c) The cost of this structure is very economical and is within the means of all the farmers.

(d) A training course for the extension personnel and the progressive farmers of the Delhi State was held from 7th to 12th March, 1968 at I.A.R.I. This training course was mainly to demonstrate the construction and the use of the Pusa Bin. The construction and use of this storage structure were also explained to press representatives who visited the Institute on 12th March, 1968 and an account of this structure has appeared in a number of newspapers in different parts of the country.

#### जबलपुर में टेलीफोन लगाना

6393. श्री राम सेवक यादव : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जबलपुर में टेलीफोन लगाने के कितने आवेदन-पत्र इस समय विचाराधीन पड़े हैं ;

(ख) सब से लम्बी अवधि के कितने आवेदन पत्र अनिर्णीत पड़े हैं और कितने अवधि से ;

(ग) इन मामलों में अब तक टेलीफोन न लगाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या सरकार को जबलपुर से ऐसी भी शिकायतें मिली हैं कि बाद के आवेदकों को टेलीफोन दे दिये गये हैं जबकि पुराने आवेदन-पत्र अभी अनिर्णीत ही पड़े हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या इसके लिये जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही की जायेगी ?

संसद्-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) :  
(क) 1,208।

(ख) सबसे पुराना आवेदन-पत्र 25 फरवरी, 1963 का है।

(ग) एक्सचेंज क्षमता की कमी और आवश्यक सामान के उपलब्ध न होने के कारण।

(घ) इस प्रकार की कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त नहीं हुई, किन्तु टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति की सिफारिश पर बिना बारी के कनेक्शन देने के लिए नियमों के अन्तर्गत व्यवस्था है।

(ङ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

#### Telex Exchange at Cochin

6394. SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telex-exchange has started functioning at Cochin;

(b) whether there is any proposal to have a similar exchange at Trivandrum; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to start working there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):  
(a) Yes. A 100 line Telex system has been commissioned on 18th March this year.

(b) Yes.

(c) December, 1970.

#### Rice Allotment to Kerala

6395. SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment of rice to Kerala for March, 1968; and