

Delhi Telephone Advisory Committee

1566. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that meetings of the Delhi Telephone Advisory Committee for the purpose of allotment of telephones are not held at regular intervals; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). The meetings of the Telephone Advisory Committee are normally required to be held at least once in every quarter. The T.A.C. at Delhi did not meet for some time as it was under reconstitution. The Committee was reconstituted in November, 1967 and has already met on 29th November, 1967, 24th January, 1968 and 15th February, 1968.

Automatic Telephone Exchange in Bhubaneswar

1567. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to introduce an Automatic Telephone Exchange in Bhubaneswar will materialise; and

(b) if so, when this will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) Early in 1970.

Procurement Prices of Rice and Paddy in Orissa

1568. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the procurement prices for rice and paddy fixed for Orissa;

(b) whether these prices have been fixed in consultation with the State Government; and

(c) how they compare with the procurement prices in West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar for the 1968-69 crop year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Procurement prices for 1967-68 crop:

Or:ssa	(In Rs. per quintal)
Paddy Common	48.00
Rice Common	82.47 (ex-mill price).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise as the procurement prices have not been fixed for 1968-69 crop so far.

Head Post Offices in Orissa

1569. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether each District in Orissa has by now a Head Post Office;

(b) whether any of the existing Head Post Offices have been bifurcated in Orissa; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to have one more Head Post Office in the Puri District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, A statement showing the districts with more than one Head Post Offices is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-192/68.]

(c) The proposal for upgrading Nayagarh Sub-Office as Head Office was considered but it has been drop-