

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):** (a) 7 new telephone exchanges have been sanctioned for 1968-69 in the District of Nizamabad.

(b) As on date, no further schemes have been formulated for 1968-69 and 1969-70.

(c) There is not enough justification at present for the creation of sub-division at Nizamabad.

**Failure of Telephone Line between Nizamabad and Hyderabad**

5487. **SHRI M. N. REDDY:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience and hardships caused to the telephone users of Nizamabad Exchange due to the failures of line almost every day between Nizamabad and Hyderabad;

(b) the number of line failures between Nizamabad and Hyderabad telephone lines each month during the years 1966 and 1967; and

(c) the effective measures Government propose to take in the matter to improve the situation?

Nizamabad and Secunderabad are furnished below monthwise.

Month & Year	No. of line faults	Percentage efficiency
Jan'y. '66 .	6	90
Feb'y. '66	4	85
March '66	3	98
April '66 .	5	85
May '66 .	3	78
June '66 .	7	80
July '66 .	6	85
Aug. '66 .	5	75
Sept'r. '66	4	78
Oct'r. '66 .	4	84
Novr. '66	8	76
Decr. '66 .	6	71
Jan'y. '67 .	8	81
Feb'y. '67	4	75
March '67	7	76
April '67 .	3	85
May '67 .	4	86
June '66 . .	11	70
July '67 . .	3	71
Aug. '67 . .	11	62
Sept'r. '67 . .	10	72
Oct'r. '67 . .	9	68
Novr. '67 . .	3	82
Decer. '67 . .	5	72

(c) The maintenance staff has been directed to rectify faults on the lines expeditiously.

A new line of copper-weld wires which are less liable for thefts is also under erection between Secunderabad and Nizamabad and an 8 channel system will be provided between the 2 places shortly.

**Printing of Inland Letter Forms without Embossed Stamps**

5488. **SHRI MURASOLI MARAN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):** (a) There have been certain failures on the trunk lines between Nizamabad and Secunderabad mainly due to frequent thefts of copper wire from the lines.

(b) The average efficiency figures of the telephone circuits between

print inland letter forms without the embossed stamps in Madras, Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether those inland letter forms now printed in those States will be permitted to be printed in their respective regional languages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) In order to meet the increased demand of the public.

(c) and (d). In accordance with the present policy of the Government these are printed bilingually viz. in Hindi and English to conform to the general pattern of the inland letter card of standard design.

#### Government Seeds Farms

5489. SHRI G. S. MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of seeds of high yielding varieties imported this year and its break-up; and

(b) the number of Government seeds farms, locations, type and quantity of seeds produced on an average annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No seeds of high yielding varieties were imported during 1967-68.

(b) Under the Scheme for "Multiplication and Distribution of Improved Seeds—Setting up of Seed Farms", about 4,000 seed farms of various

sizes have been set up in the country by the States since the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan. These farms are mostly located at the block level and are of different sizes. These are primarily intended for production of foundation seeds of local varieties. Information about the quantity of seeds produced, on an average, annually on these farms is not readily available.

#### Opening of Telephone Exchange at Veeraghattam (Andhra Pradesh)

5490. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of opening of 20 lines Telephone Exchange at Veeraghattam, in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh is under examination since 1966;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

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

(b) and (c). It is proposed to open a 25 line Automatic exchange at Veeraghattam. Sanction to this proposal will be issued shortly by the Postmaster-General Hyderabad.

#### ट्रेडरों का आयात

5491. श्री रामचन्द्र बीरप्पा: क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1962 से लेकर 1967 तक की अवधि में बि. प्र. देशों से कितने ट्रेडर प्राप्त हुए हैं; और