

are being placed on Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore.

(b) The Earth Station is expected to become operational by the end of October, 1969.

Nationalisation of Jute Industry

3399. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Study Group of the National Labour Commission for Jute has disfavoured the nationalisation of the Jute Industry ; and

(b) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Study Group ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) : (a) and (b). The Government understand that the Study Group for Jute has submitted its report to the National Commission on Labour. The Government are not seized of this matter now and are awaiting the recommendations of the National Commission.

Murrah Buffalo farm at Alamadi Near Madras

3400. SHRI G. KUCHELAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madras Government have offered 1,000 acres of land for setting up a farm for breeding of Murrah buffaloes at Alamadi near Madras ; and

(b) if so, Government's decision on the offer of land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Madras Government have offered 1133.40 acres of land at Alamadi for the establishment of Murrah buffalo farm.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Survey of Phulbani District in Orissa for Rehabilitation of Refugees

3401. SARI A. DIPA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year

1965 Dandakaranya Authority conducted a survey of Phulbani District (Orissa) for the rehabilitation of refugees ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes.

(b) The survey of the area indicated an availability of about 62,000 acres of land in Balliguda and Boudh Sub-Divisions in Phulbani District suitable for development.

(c) and (d). In June, 1966, it was suggested to the State Government that, pending finalisation of other details, the Department of Rehabilitation might commence land reclamation operations in the area. The State Government did not agree to the proposal and felt that preparation of a Master Plan of Development was necessary before taking up any development work in Phulbani District. This was agreed to and the State Government was requested to prepare a Master Plan. A Master Plan of development was received from the State Government in February, 1968 which was found deficient in certain essential details. The State Government was requested to submit a revised plan which is still awaited from them.

Bumper Aman Paddy Crop in West Bengal

3402 SARI S. S. KOTHARI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a bumper Aman paddy crop in the West Bengal this season in areas not affected by floods ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated production ;

(c) the estimate of damage to crops by floods ;

(d) deficit in rice estimated for West Bengal during the next year ; and

(e) how Government propose to meet such deficit ?