

(c) and (d). No investigations have been conducted through the C.I.B. The State Government have, however, appointed a Commission of Enquiry under a District and Sessions Judge to enquire into the cause of fires and to suggest the measures for the prevention of recurrence of such fires. The report of the Commission is awaited.

Telephones to P. and T. Officers

345. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the Officers in the P. and T. Department who are entitled to be provided with telephone connections at their residences during their temporary stay in the capital while on duty-cum-leave;

(b) whether such facilities are also provided to the touring officers of other Ministries/Departments of the Central Government when they come to Delhi on similar assignment;

(c) if not, the reasons for allowing these facilities to the officers of the P. and T. Department only; and

(d) the details of such telephone connections provided to such officers during the period from 1st July, 1965 to 30th April, 1966 and total expenditure incurred in that connection?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) Officers not below the rank of Divisional Engineers are provided with telephone connections at the place of their stay while on tour in the Capital.

(b) Casual telephone connection are provided to other touring officers when asked for under the usual rental terms of the Department.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) List of service connections provided to P&T Officers during the period 1st July, 1965 to 30th April, 1966 is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6507/66]. The connections were provided in the normal course without incurring any appreciable expenditure.

राज्यों तथा केन्द्र के बीच पत्र-व्यवहार

346. श्री ए० ला० द्विवेदी :
 श्री सुबोध हंसदा :
 श्री स० चं० सामन्त :
 श्री भागवत झा अजाद :
 श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
 श्री रिशांग किशिंग :
 श्री यशपाल सिंह :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके द्वारा दिये गये इस आश्वासन पर कि हिन्दी-भाषी राज्यों की सरकारों को परिपत्र द्वारा सूचित किया जायेगा कि वे केन्द्र को भेजे जाने वाले पत्रों का अंग्रेजी अनुवाद न भेजा करें क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने हिन्दी भाषी राज्यों से आने वाले पत्रों का अंग्रेजी में अनुवाद कराने की व्यवस्था कर ली है, ताकि उन पर कार्यवाही करने में देरी न होने पाये; और

(ग) हिन्दी-भाषी राज्यों की इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) गृह मंत्री द्वारा हिन्दी-भाषी राज्यों के मुख्य मंत्रियों को भेजे गये पत्र की एक प्रति सभा-पटल पर रखी गयी है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या LT—6508/66]

(ख) विभिन्न मंत्रालयों में हिन्दी-भाषी राज्यों से प्राप्त हिन्दी पत्रव्यवहार के अंग्रेजी

अनुवाद की व्यवस्था है। यदि आवश्यकता पड़ी तो इस व्यवस्था को और मजबूत किया जायेगा।

(ग) ऐसी कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली कि किसी हिन्दी में आने वाले पत्रव्यवहार के उत्तर में देर हुई।

New Antibiotics for controlling Plant Diseases

347. Shri C K. Bhattacharyya:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** be pleased to state:

(a) whether new antibiotics have been discovered at H.A.L. Factory, Pimpri which can control plant diseases; and

(b) whether their effect has been tested?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). As a result of research done in the Research Laboratory Pimpri, two new antibiotics which would be used for plant protection have been found. These are:

1. Aureofungin.—This is a new anti-fungal antibiotic found to be highly active against plant pathogenic fungi. Its action is said to be both fungicidal and fungistatic depending upon the concentration used. In its activity against paddy blast diseases Aureofungin has been found to be better than Blastomycin discovered in Japan. Aureofungin could also be used against fruit crop diseases as well, and it is expected that it might replace copper based and organic fungicides presently used in the country and which are produced mainly from imported materials like copper.

2. Streptocycline.—The Department of Agriculture (Ministry of F. A. C. D. & C) have launched a wide scale programme for cultivation of Taichung

Native-1 variety of paddy. Streptocycline has been found to be very effective in the treatment of seeds and control of bacterial blight of paddy.

It is proposed to meet the requirement of the Ministry of F.A.C.D. & C. (Department of Agriculture) in respect of Aureofungin and Streptocycline. Interest has also been shown by some foreign firms in USA.

History of Freedom Movement

348. Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) The progress so far made in the project of writing the history of freedom movement and 'who's who' of the freedom fighters;

(b) the reasons for the slow progress of the project;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far by the Centre and States separately; and

(d) the names of the volumes published so far?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) Volume I of the History of the Freedom Movement in India was published in 1961; Volume II is in the press; and Volume III is under preparation. A statement showing the progress of work in each State, regarding the compilation of the Freedom Fighters' 'Who's Who' is placed on the Table of the House

(b) In view of the wide range of source materials—Government records, private papers, memoirs, contemporary newspapers, etc.—available on the subject and the need to give an objective account of the Freedom Struggle, the progress of work is not considered slow. The need is, however, felt for expediting it.

(c) A sum of Rs. 810,050 was spent by the Centre on the compilation of the History of the Freedom Movement till March, 1966. A statement