

**Agricultural Research.** These results show that efficiency of water was highest with the sprinkler irrigation method. It resulted in about 11 per cent of saving of water as compared with furrow irrigation.

It was, however, observed that the cost on the installation and maintenance of sprinkler system is somewhat higher than in the furrow irrigation. But the economic needs to be studied over long periods, taking into consideration the cost of water saved also.

**MANUFACTURING OF TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

1607. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO.  
SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
SHRI P. K. DEO :  
SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :  
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up more factories for the manufacture of tele-communication equipment other than telephone sets;

(b) if so, the number of factories proposed to be set up and their location;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) the period likely to be taken for the implementation of the proposal; and

(e) the benefits likely to be derived as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes. It is proposed to set up a new factory for the manufacture of long distance transmission equipment.

(b) One. The decision about the location of the factory has not yet been taken.

(c) The estimated capital outlay on the new factory for the manufacture of long distance transmission equipment would be about Rs. 245 lakhs.

(d) The factory is expected to be set up soon.

(e) The new factory is expected to manufacture long distance transmission

equipment of a value of Rs. 15.5 crores during the first five years of its setting up and will augment the production of the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore for this type of equipment.

**DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED TRACTORS FROM EAST-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

1608. SHRI M. N. REDDY :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA .

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to distribute imported tractors from Czechoslovakia and other East European countries in various States through the Agro-Industries Corporations;

(b) if so, the reasons for adopting such a policy;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware of the hardships being caused to the private traders who have been doing this work efficiently all these years through their expertise and a net work of sales and service facilities; and

(d) whether Government consider the desirability of allowing the private traders also to function side by side with the Agro-Industries Corporation, so that the two sectors could effectively function in a competitive manner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). There have been several complaints from farmers about black-marketing and several other malpractices indulged in by the private traders in the sale and distribution of tractors and spare parts. Besides, there have been cases of inordinate delays in effecting deliveries against orders booked by them.

It was only with a view to ensuring the equitable distribution of tractors at a reasonable price and in time to farmers that Government decided to undertake distribution of all imported tractors through the various Agro-Industries Corporations.

(d) As imported tractors are distributed at prices fixed by Government, no competition in their sale is involved. With regard to after-sale service, Agro-Industries Corporations would no doubt make suitable arrangements including utilisation of the service facilities available with the private dealers.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF MALPE PORT FOR FISHING

1609. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD & AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any headway has been made in the direction of materialising the scheme for the development of Malpe Port for fishing purposes in collaboration with a Yugoslav firm;

(b) the stage at which the matter at present rests between the Centre and the Mysore Government;

(c) whether the development of this port has been included in the Fourth Plan; and

(d) the extent of assistance proposed to be given by the Yugoslav firm for the development of the port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The State Government have been requested to furnish the detailed plans and estimates.

(b) The Plans and Estimates are awaited.

(c) It is proposed to allocate about Rs. 17 crores for the development of fishing harbours in the country. A fishing harbour for Malpe is one of the projects which will be considered against a provisional outlay of Rs. 6 crores in the Fourth Plan for landing and berthing facilities at minor ports.

(d) The Yugoslav firm submitted the preliminary Project Report for which they have been paid. Detailed proposals in regard to the execution of the project have still to be received.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' EDUCATION

1610. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Committee on Workers' Education set up by the National Commission on Labour has been received;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by it; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI):

(a) The Committee has submitted its report to the Commission.

(b) The Commission's recommendations on the subject are yet to be received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

#### BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

1611. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has built a huge buffer stock of foodgrains this year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of foodgrains in the buffer stock and the location of stock centre;

(c) the varieties of foodgrains together with their quantities separately;

(d) the names of the contributing States to the buffer stock;

(e) the target of the buffer stock in terms of quantity;

(f) the period from now within which it is expected to reach the target;

(g) the annual expenditure which is likely to be incurred on its maintenance; and

(h) the estimated annual wastage by reasons beyond human control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Buffer stocks of foodgrains are being built by the Central and State Governments. The Food Corporation of India functions mainly as the