

factory at Madras was allowed to sell its products through private agencies in Orissa, whereas difficulties were placed by the State Government officials on the Rourkela Factory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected from the State of Orissa and will be laid on the Table of Sabha when received.

Development of Tele-communication and Telex-system in Kerala

1981. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the various Chambers of Commerce in Kerala have stressed the need for the development of Telex and Tele-communication system in the Kerala State ;

(b) the steps taken to improve the present system ; and

(c) whether any main Telex centre is proposed for Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) The existing automatic exchanges in the Kerala State are being expanded based on the forecast of telephone growth. It may be mentioned, in this connection, that the capacities of exchanges at Alleppy, Cochin, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Quilon and Trivandrum exchanges are to be increased from 1200, 3600, 2000, 5100, 2100, 3400 to 1700, 4500, 2600, 7100, 3600, and 6600 respectively. Besides, CB exchanges at Ernakulam and Tellicherry are to be automated.

As regards Telex system, a 100-line exchange was commissioned at Ernakulam on 18th March, 1968 and the capacity of this exchange is being expanded to 200 lines for meeting further demand.

(c) Telex system being a fully automatic one, every exchange connected to the

network can be considered as a main exchange. It may be mentioned here that besides the 100-line exchange which is working at Ernakulam, a 50-line telex is proposed to be opened at Trivandrum and this exchange is expected to be commissioned sometime during 1970.

Fishing Centres in Kerala Area

1982. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any suggestion has been made by the Fisheries Research Institute for developing the Central fishing centres in the Kerala area ; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the present fishing centres in view of the acute food problem in the coast and State of Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No suggestions have been received from any Fisheries Research Institute for development of Central Fishing Centres in Kerala.

(b) The Central Institutions in Kerala from which fishing vessels operate are the Indo-Norwegian Project and one Unit of the Central Deep Sea Fishing Organisation. These Institutions are concerned with survey, training, experimental fishing and demonstration. Additional vessels are being provided to both projects to enable them to expand the scope of their activities.

In respect of fishing centres in general in the State of Kerala the position is that landing and berthing facilities are being provided at several places. These facilities are being provided in a phased manner and basic requirements of landing and berthing facilities are available now at Ponnani and Beypore and work is in progress for further development. Fishing harbours at which larger vessels can be based are being provided at Vizhingom, Cannannore and Baliapatnam. The Jetties and other harbour installations which are being provided will facilitate the operation of mechanised fishing vessels which are being introduced under State Plan programmes as well as in the private sector.