

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) No, Sir ; the case is still pending with the State Administrative Tribunal.

(b) Does not arise.

गाजियाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में कुछ टेलीफोन कनेक्शन काटे जाना

2870. श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में दो पुलिस थानों तथा दमकल केन्द्रों के टेलीफोन कनेक्शन जनवरी, 1969 में काट दिये गये थे जिससे लोगों को बड़ी असुविधा हुई ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण थे ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मन्त्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शेर सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख). टेलीफोन बिलों की अदायगी न किये जाने के कारण जनवरी, 1969 में गाजियाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में पुलिस के दो टेलीफोन काट दिये गए थे। दमकल केन्द्र का टेलीफोन नहीं काटा गया था।

उक्त दोनों कनेक्शन उसी महीने में दुबारा लगा दिये गये थे।

Growth of Indian Varieties of Roses in Government Nurseries

2871. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that while the number of rose lovers was growing fast the growth of Indian varieties was disappointingly slow, particularly on the international scene ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve international variety of roses in Government-owned nurseries and through them to the rose loving public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes. This is because, apart from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute where rose breeding work was initiated during the last few years with a certain amount of success, rose breeding work in the country is being carried out in India in a rather small way and, that too, mostly by a few private agencies.

(b) The Horticulture Division of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi is engaged in rose breeding. A few new varieties of roses were released by it last year. The Institute has a programme of testing out Indian and other varieties of roses for their export potential on a commercial scale. Some outstanding varieties of roses from abroad have been grown in India with very great success, and have been released for distribution to the rose loving public.

Assistance to Tobacco-Growing States

2872. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a scheme to assist leading tobacco growing States like Gujarat in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) A note giving the relevant information is attached.

STATEMENT

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of exportable types of tobacco with 100% financial assistance from the Government of India is being implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Mysore, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu since 1966-67. The scheme will be continued during the Fourth Five Year Plan.