सकता है कि इस फार्म पर किसी घटिया किस्म के बीज पैदा होंगे।

(स) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Telephone and Telegraph Posts in Middle of Roads in Mangalore Municipal Area

- 2969. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether instructions are issued for periodic surveys of telegraph and telephone posts so that the widening of roads is not hampered by letting them in their old position:
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such posts in Mangalore Municipal area which are more than five feet from the edge of the roads;
- (d) whether their position cannot be changed without changing the position of underground cable;
- (e) the reasons for delay in supplying cable indented by more than a year ago for Mangalore Municipal area and directed by the P. and T. Board for supply more than three months ago; and
- (f) the reasons for not importing the cable for said purpose which would be justified by the accuring income for 500 connections in that area dependent upon the supply of Cable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DE-PARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) Codified instructions are available for dealing with requests for shifting on Telegraph and Telephone posts on demand from the local Muni-As such, no special cipal authorities. are required for periodic instructions surveys.

- (b) Does not arise in view of the above.
- (c) There were 7 posts in Mangalore Municipal area which were at a distance of more than 5' from the edges of the roads.
- (d) All the posts except 2 have been shifted on requisition recived in December,

- 1968. The last two posts are expected to be shifted by end of April, 1969 as about 2 kms. of cables are to be laid for this purpose.
- (e) As the production of telephone cables in the country is not able to meet the requirements in full, it has not been found possible to supply the telephone cables to not only Mangalore but also to other places in the country.
- (f) Non-availability of foreign exchange has been the principal factor for non-placement of order during the current year for importing underground cables. Consequent upon the availability of some foreign exchange under various trade plans in February, 1969 orders for importing 1,115 kms. of cables have since been released.

Imposition of Tax on Irrigation from Private Sources by Mysore Government

2970. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mysore Government propose to impose a tax on irrigation from private sources;
- (b) if so, the legal justification for taxing the income to which Government have not contributed:
- (c) whether this tax is likely to reduce the incentive for minor irrigation and for increased food production considering that taxes are already levied on supply of electricity and pump-sets; and
- (d) the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha on receipt.

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- 2971. SHRI ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABI-LITATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6823 on the 26th July, 1967 and state:
 - (a) the steps taken to see that the