

(c) the total quantity of fertiliser to be produced under this project?

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). The Indo-German Project for integrated agricultural development in Almora District is not a fertiliser supply project. The details of this project are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1771/69].

Settlement of Refugees in Andhra Pradesh

4471. SHRI GANGA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugee families at Isagoan in Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the extent of forest area cleared off;

(c) the amount spent so far for the reclamation of this land and for other works;

(d) whether it is a fact that the present site is not at all suitable for the rehabilitation as there is a acute shortage of water;

(e) whether it is also a fact that thousands of acres of land which are under cultivation on the banks of Araneeli river (Parn Ganga) is available at cheap rates and these lands are most suitable for the rehabilitation; and

(f) if so, whether Government propose to purchase these lands for rehabilitation of these refugees?

Telephone connections to farmers in Himachal Pradesh

4470. DR. KARNI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allot telephone connections to farmers in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the scheme will be extended to the farmers living in the drought and famine hit areas; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) There is no special scheme at present to provide telephone connections to farmers in Himachal Pradesh. The farmers can, however, obtain telephone connections as per normal rules. The demand for telephones for farmers in rural areas being few, provision of telephones in such areas is ordinarily not economical. The Research Branch of the Department has taken up the development of a cheaper type of communication system to meet such needs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) According to information received from the State Government, 867 families of new migrants from East Pakistan are residing at Isagoan.

(b) The Rehabilitation Reclamation Organisation has reclaimed 67.65 acres of land.

(c) Amount spent for reclamation of the aforesaid land is estimated at about Rs. 27.06 lakhs. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that an expenditure of Rs. 96.06

lakhs has been incurred on other works.

(d) No, Sir. The area selected for rehabilitation has been found suitable for cultivation and is responsive to good soil management and cropping practices. There is no shortage of water and necessary measures such as sinking of deep bore wells, tube-wells, open wells, construction of nistar tanks and repairs to breached tanks, etc. have been undertaken.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Post and Telegraphs Offices in Tamil Nadu

4472. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post and Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu up-till now;

(b) whether there is any proposal for opening new post offices in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

Post Offices	.. 9524
Telegraph Offices	.. 1069

(b) Yes.

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

World Bank Loan for modernizing Telephone Facilities

4473. SHRI C. CHITTYBABU:
SHRI R. BARUA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND

COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is giving a loan of Rs. 41.25 crores to modernise the telephone facilities in India;

(b) the part of the country which will be given prior attention in this scheme;

(c) when this loan is repayable; and

(d) whether it is free of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) Yes. Rs. 20.625 crores (27.5 million U.S. \$) as loan from the World Bank and Rs. 20.625 crores (27.5 million U.S. \$) as credit from the International Development Association.

(b) The loan/credit will be utilised for implementation of the 4th Five Year Plan of the Department which aims at the integrated development of the country as a whole.

(c) and (d). The World Bank loan of \$ 27.5 million is payable within a term of 30 years, including 10 years of grace. Interest at 6½ per cent per annum would be payable. Commitment charge @ ½ of 1 per cent will also be levied on the undisbursed amount of the loan.

The IDA Credit of \$ 27.5 million will be for a term of 50 years including a 10 year grace period; it will be interest free, but a service charge of ½ of 1 per cent will be made to cover IDA's administrative costs.

Post Offices at Pokharauni and Shahpur in Darbhanga District, Bihar

4474. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the villagers of Pokharauni (present P.O.