

AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an International Telephone Exchange is proposed to be set up in Bombay as a part of the International Tele-communication Union ;

(b) if so, when the Exchange is likely to be commissioned and its total cost including the foreign exchange element ;

(c) whether the agreement with the IDA for assistance of Rs. 41 crores for tele-communication development in India has been signed by now ; and

(c) the details of the projects which will make use of this assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) An International Telecommunication Centre is being set up at Bombay by the Overseas Communications Service as part of its Satellite Communications Earth Station Project and not that of the International Union. The Centre will accommodate the Telecommunication International Telephone and Telex Exchanges and ancillaries.

(b) This Centre will start functioning as soon as the Earth Station is ready for operation, which is likely to be in January, 1970. The cost involved in setting up the Centre complete with Exchanges is approximately Rs. 263.40 lakhs with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 49.50 lakhs.

(c) Yes.

(d) This assistance will be utilized for :—

(i) Expansion of local telephone exchanges to increase the net capacity by approximately 325,000 lines of automatic equipment and 20,000 lines of manual equipment, together with the necessary cables and subscriber equipment to add approximately 300,000 installations.

(ii) Expansion of long distance network approximately 12,000 inter-urban speech channels together with the necessary switching and terminating equipment.

(iii) Expansion of the telex network by

approximately 5,000 subscriber installations together with the associated switching and long-distance channels ; and expansion and modernisation of the public telegraph service.

(iv) Expansion and modernisation of training and research facilities.

Modern Bakeries, Delhi

1685. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Modern Bakeries, Delhi is running at a profit or at a loss ;

(b) the extent of loss suffered since its inception and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the bakeries are utilising its full capacity and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what are the reasons for the poor performance of the bakeries and by what time they are likely to yield better results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The Delhi Unit started functioning only in the middle of 1968 and the profit and loss account for 1968-69 is not yet available, as this has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

These bakeries were started only recently and it would take some time to establish themselves in the market.

(d) Considering the fact the Modern Bakeries went into production only recently, their performance has been satisfactory. These are expected to yield better results in course of the time with the increase in sales of modern bread.

Scheme for Agricultural Development in Rajasthan

1686. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE