

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS : (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Local Public Call Offices exist in 105 out of 107 exchanges in Punjab ; 65 out of 70 exchanges in Haryana and one out of one exchange at Chandigarh.

(c) Local P. C. Os are provided progressively depending upon public demand. No demands are pending at present.

काश्मीर में इण्डियन टेलीफोन इन्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड की एक यूनिट की स्थापना

725. श्री श्रीचन्द गोयल :

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

श्री भा० सुन्दरलाल :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या काश्मीर में इण्डियन टेलीफोन इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड की एक यूनिट स्थापित करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर सरकार विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस यूनिट में किस प्रकार के उपकरण बनाये जायेंगे ; और

(ग) प्रस्ताव का अन्तिम रूप कब तक दिया जायेगा तथा उस पर सरकार द्वारा कितना धन व्यय होने की संभावना है ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जे. सिंह) : (क) इण्डियन टेलीफोन इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड, एक अनुषंगी एकक जम्मू व काश्मीर राज्य में स्थापित कर रही है।

(ख) यह एक कपड़ा चढ़ी बटी हुई डोरी (टेक्सटाइल ब्रैडेड कार्ड) और ढले हुए प्रकार के ग्रनाम पयुज नामक दो प्रकार के उपस्कर का निर्माण आरंभ करेगा।

(ग) इस एकक के लिये भूमि प्राप्त कर ली गयी है तथा भवनों का निर्माण शीघ्र ही आरंभ कर दिया जायगा। इस बीच एक

किराये के भवन में कर्मों-वर्ग को, इस एकक के लिये प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है। इसका अनुमानित पूंजीगत व्यय लगभग 6.70 लाख रुपये होगा।

मध्य प्रदेश में नागदा रेयन कारखाने में तालाबन्दी

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि अगस्त, 1969 के महीने में मध्य प्रदेश में नागदा के रेयन कारखाने में मिल मालिकों ने तालाबन्दी घोषित कर दी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) तालाबन्दी कितने दिनों तक रही ;

(घ) कितने उद्योगों तथा कितने मजदूरों पर इसका प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ङ) सरकार ने तालाबन्दी समाप्त कराने के लिये क्या कार्यबाही की थी ?

भ्रम, रोजगार तथा पुनर्वास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मागवल भा. आजाद) : (क) से (ङ). यह मामला राज्य के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है।

Theft of Rare Variety seeds from Indian Agricultural Research Institute

727. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN : SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some 30 kilograms of 'segregating' or 'changing' type seeds, which promise selections of high-yielding strains and which were the result of five years of effort under the Regional Pulses Improvement Programme, were

recently stolen from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute for being smuggled into Pakistan.

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been made into the incident ; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the person or persons found responsible for the theft of the precious and rare variety of pulse seeds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No Sir, there has been no case of the theft of seeds from the I. A. R. I. The fact is that a group consisting of Indian Scientists (of ICAR's All India Coordinated Project on pulses) and American Scientists of U. S. Department of Agriculture have been working jointly on a Regional Pulses Improvement Project since 1966 in which a number of other countries are also participating. This is covered by an agreement between the Government of India and Government of U. S. A. Out of the joint collection of seeds of this Project, an American Scientist was carrying some genetic stocks of gram (chick pea) and lentil, which were intercepted at Hussainiwala check post by the Customs Authorities due to non-observance of certain procedural formalities without which such seed materials cannot be sent out of India.

(b) and (c). Since this was not a case of theft, the question of taking action against anybody on that ground does not arise.

The authorities concerned have on the advice of the Department of Agriculture, decided to release the concerned stock, to the Project under the joint custody of both Indian and American technical personnel.

#### New Telephone Connections

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

(a) the number of additional telephone connections envisaged in the next year ;

(b) whether any priority has been fixed to industrial units and other developmental institutions for this purpose ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) 80,000 numbers during 1970-71.

(b) Yes.

(c) The following provision in the rules and procedures of the Department would give facilities for getting a connection earlier for certain categories of applicants :

(i) At stations where the equipped capacity of telephone exchanges is more than 1,000 lines, OYT scheme has been introduced. In such stations 50 or 70 per cent of the quota available for allotment is reserved for O. Y. T. applicants. Industrial units and others can avail of this quota.

(ii) Small Scale Industries are eligible to get their demands for telephone registered under the 'Special' category along with medical practitioners, Public Institutions, Press, etc. 15 or 20 per cent of the new connections depending upon the station are earmarked for allotment to 'Special' category.

(iii) Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are formed at stations where the working connections and waiting list together exceed 1500 nos. The TACs can advise giving out of turn connections under OYT and further recommend out of turn connections to the extent of 50% of available capacity in the 'Special Category'.

(iv) Organisations engaged in increasing production in the country which ultimately would result in saving or earning of foreign exchange to the extent of Rupees five lakhs in a year are given out of turn priority (at OYT stations only under OYT) upto a maximum of three telephones at a station. In addition to this, they are eligible for one additional telephone connection on priority each at Bombay Calcutta, Madras and Delhi.