

employment programmes. However, Union Government is implementing Employment Assurance Scheme benefits of which are available to all States.

[English]

Audit of NDDB

683. SHRI C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture have sought any advice about the Audit of NDDB (National Dairy Development Board) last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) the CAG was granted permission by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in June 1997 to audit the accounts of NDDB from 1988-89 to 1995-96 under section 14(2) of the CAG (DPC) Act, 1971. The Ministry of Law and the Solicitor General have opined that the permission for audit given to CAG is valid, notwithstanding provisions regarding audit contained in the NDDB Act, 1987.

NDDB has filed a civil writ petition in the High Court of Delhi against Government's decision. Audit of NDDB accounts by CAG has been stayed by the Delhi High Court till the writ petition is decided.

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges

684. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu particularly in Madurai District during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of expansion of exchanges in Madurai Revenue District planned during 1998-99 are given in the attached statement.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to (b) above.

Statement

The details of expansion of exchanges in Madurai Revenue District commissioned/programmed during 1998-99 are given below

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Type	No. of lines added/ programmed	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Madurai East Masi St.	N.T.	10000	Commissioned
2.	Madurai K. Pudur	N.T.	3000	RSU Commissioned
3.	Madurai K.K. Nagar	N.T.	4000	Main exchange programmed
4.	Madurai Bibikulam	E-10B	1000	RLU Expn. commissioned
5.	Madurai Koodalnagar	E-10B	1000	RLU Expansion programmed
6.	Madurai Tiruppalai	E-10B	3000	RLU Programmed
7.	Madurai Villapuram	E-10B	1000	RLU Expansion programmed
8.	Tirunagar	E-10B	1000	RLU Expansion Programmed
9.	Othakadai	E-10B	1000	RLU Programmed
10.	Nagamalaipudukkottai	C-DDT SBM	256	Expansion commissioned
11.	Samayanallur	C-DOT SBM	1000	MBM Programmed
12.	T. Kalpatti	C-DOT SBM	1000	SBM Programmed
13.	Vadipatti	C-DOT SBM	1000	SPM Programmed
14.	Usilampatti	C-DOT SBM	400	Expansion Programmed
15.	Alanganallur	C-DOT 256 Twin	152	Expansion Programmed