

relating to wheat, rice, coarse cereals, oilseeds, pulses, cotton, jute, sugarcane, fruits and vegetables etc. in order to improve productivity as also production of crops in the country.

[Translation]

### STD Facility in Gujarat

2717. SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY : Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Talukas and Tehsils Head-Quarters in Gujarat having telephone centres alongwith S.T.D. facility as on date;

(b) the number of such Talukas where this facility is not available so far; and

(c) the time by which STD facility is likely to be made available in the these Talukas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA)  
(a) In Gujarat there are 184 Taluka Head Quaters and all these Taluka Head Quarters are having telephone centre (exchange) alongwith STD facility. Word "Tehsil" is not used in Gujarat.

(b) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

### STD/ISD/PCOs in Bihar

2718. SHRI RAJO SINGH :  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH :

Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD/Public Telephone Booths functioning in Bihar at present, district-wise;

(b) the number of applications for allotment of new Public Telephone Booths/STD/ISD and Telex facility in the State pending with the Government; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):  
(a) Number of STD/ISD/Local Public telephones working in Bihar are given in the statement attached.

(b) Number of applications pending in the Bihar Circle for STD/ISD/PCOs are 9770 and for Telex connections, it is NIL.

(c) STD, PCO allotment Committees have been constituted and meetings are being held regularly for allotment of STD, PCOs to the extent possible.

### Statement

*Statement to be Laid on the table of Lok Sabha  
Vide Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 2718  
for 16.12.1998.*

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	STD/ISD/PT Booths working
1	2	3
1.	Bhagalpur	307
2.	Hazaribagh	406
3.	Chapra	1227
4.	Dumka	413
5.	Motihari	1328
6.	Arrah	222
7.	Sasaram	264
8.	Daltonganj	137
9.	Muzaffarpur	1532
10.	Katihar	444

1	2	3
11.	Saharsa	184
12.	Gaya	565
13.	Munger	170
14.	Darbhanga	1099
15.	Ranchi	579
16.	Dhanbad	542
17.	Jamshedpur	936
18.	Patna	2352
Total		12707

[English]

#### **Brahmaputra Board**

2719. SHRI SAMAR CHOWDHURY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details survey and investigations conducted by the Brahmaputra Board under the Master Plan prepared by the board for scientific water management in the valley;

(b) the details of State in the region covered under the plan; and

(c) the details of measures taken/to be taken by the Government to mobilise the resources for the implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Brahmaputra Board has conducted survey and investigations for preparation of Master Plans aimed at integrated development of the Water Resources in the Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys for flood moderation, removal of drainage congestion, prevention of erosion, hydro-power generation and navigation.

(b) The Master Plans cover fully the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. It covers partly the states of Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland which are within the jurisdiction of Bramaputra and Barak basins.

(c) The measures for water management and flood control in the North-Eastern States covered in the Master Plans are planned, investigated and implemented by the concerned State Governments from the funds allocated under State flood Control Sector by the Planning Commission. The Master Plans have been sent to the North Eastern States for implementation.

#### **Dry and Green Fodder**

2720. SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the availability of dry and green fodder for milch animals in the country;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to narrow the demand-supply gap; and

(c) the daily calorie required for a milch animal and the supply of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The availability of dry and green fodder for milch animals is not estimated separately. However, availability of dry and green fodder in the country for entire animals was 398.68 and 573.50 million tonnes against the requirement of 583.62 and 744.73 million tonnes respectively as estimated by the Policy Advisory Group of Ministry of Environment and Forests (1993).

(b) The steps taken to narrow the demand and supply gap of fodder are as under :—

(i) Scheme of Central Feed and Fodder Development Organisation comprising three components viz., (1) Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration, (2) Central Fodder Seed Production Farm and (3) Central Minikit Testing Programme for fodder crops.

(ii) Assistance to States for feed and fodder development under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme comprising seven components given