

of Upper Tunga Irrigation Projects is linked with compliance of observations regarding dam, gates and canal design, irrigation planning, environmental, constructional material and cost aspects by the State Government.

(c) and (d) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(e) As per State Plan document of Karnataka, work on Project has already commenced during Eighth Plan.

Central Agriculture University

3872. SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISW-MUTHIARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Central Agriculture University at Kokrajhar within Bodoland Autonomous area in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) There is no proposal to set up Central Agricultural University at Kokrajhar within Bodoland Autonomous area in Assam since there is already a State Agricultural University in Assam namely Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Tissue Culture

3873. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several crops are grown in the country by adopting tissue culture;

(b) if so, the crops produced by adoption of this method; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to popularise of tissue culture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) Tissue culture technology has been adopted for the production of a large quantity of plantation and horticultural crops including floricultural and ornamental crops. The horticultural crops include Banana, Cardamom, Potato, Ginger, Turmeric and Ornaments. Tissue culture technique is also being used for producing forest trees like Eucalyptus species, Bamboo species, Teak, Poplar, Leucaena species besides cash crop like sugarcane.

(c) Under the Central Sector Schemes on (1) Devel-

opment of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits, and (2) Development of Commercial Floriculture, assistance is being provided through the State Governments for establishing tissue culture units under the Public Sector as well as the Private Sector. The above schemes were implemented during the VIII Plan and were continued during 1997-98. The schemes are being continued during 1998-99 also.

[English]

Issuing of Telephone Directories

3874. SHRI C. D. GAMIT :

SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI A. F. GOLAM OSMANI :

SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone directories have not been issued in Delhi for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether telephone directories have also not been issued in other cities in the country for the last many years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that telephone directories are issued well in time?

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

(b) Delhi Telephone directory could not be printed due to contractual failure and the contract was terminated. Fresh Tender was floated for printing of telephone directory which has now been finalised and directory is under printing.

(c) and (d) Sir, Printing of telephone directories in some other telephone districts also has been delayed. This has been mainly due to insufficient response to tenders and contractual failures.

(e) Policy for printing of telephone directories has been reviewed recently to ensure timely publication.

Air Station at Parbhani in Maharashtra

3875. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: