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**Effect of Pepsi Project on Land Area for
Agricultural Production of Common
Use**

7229. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether setting up of companies like
Pepsi Cola is likely to result in utilization of
more area for production of items of high
commercial value and less area of land for
growing crops of common use; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government
to avoid such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):
(a) and (b). Farmers' choice of crops to be
cultivated on available lands is determined
by land and other resource endowment and
economic conditions. Government encour-
ages the establishment of food processing
industries to ensure better returns to farmers
and proper utilisation of agricultural pro-
duce, leading to optimum utilisation of land
and other resources.

**Corruption in Exchanges of Calcutta
Telephones**

7230. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA
MURTHY: Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of subscrib-
ers, telephones in Calcutta are being tam-
pered with by some vested group of employ-
ees in Calcutta Telephones;

(b) whether large number of telephone
accessories and cables have been missing
from the stores and records;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the
reasons therefor;

(d) the number of cases processed and
completed during the last two years; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken in
this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI
JANESHWARMISHRA): (a) There are some
complaints about tampering of subscribers'
telephones in Calcutta Telephones. How-
ever, these have been found to be vague
and could not be substantiated.

(b) Some cases of loss of telephones
accessories and cables have come to no-
tice.

(c)	Value
(i) Telephone instruments— 314 Nos. and other accessories	Rs. 15,79,265/-
(ii) Sw. Bd Cable and Power cables (59 drums)	Rs. 8,85,000/-
(iii) Lead sleeves—186 Nos.	Rs. 35,890/-

Investigations are in progress. Reasons will be known after investigations.