

(d) and (e). As mentioned above the major portion of the oils were sold to the cooperative federations. Some quantity was also sold in the open market in these States including the State of Gujarat. The oils were sold at market rates.

[*Translation*]

Modernisation of Slaughter Houses

10242. SHRI RESHAM LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the financial assistance, loan or grant given by Union Government of states for the renovation and modernisation of slaughter houses during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): The year-wise total financial assistance given by Union Government for renovation and modernisation of Slaughter Houses is :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1987-88	10.00
1988-89	75.00
1989-90	90.00

[*English*]

Waiting List for Telephone connections In Amritsar and Chandigarh

10243. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest waiting list for telephone

connections in the city of Amritsar and Union Territory of Chandigarh as on 31 March, 1990; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). The waiting list for telephone connections in the city of Amritsar and Union Territory of Chandigarh as on 31st March 1990 is 7555 and 22361 respectively. The waiting list will be cleared progressively during the first three years of the 8th Plan.

US Praise to India's Policy Towards Refugees

10244. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA has praised India's liberal policy towards the refugees fleeing from neighbouring countries, particularly Sri Lanka, Tibet, Bangladesh and Burma;

(b) whether USA has extended any co-operation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The US State Department's Report on Human Right, 1989 made complimentary references to India's policy towards refugees from neighbouring countries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.