

are planted very late i.e. in July or August (in monsoon season) and whether these trees are not made available from nurseries in time,

(c) the average percentage of survival of trees planted,

(d) whether Government have taken any action to inquire into the non-availability of trees in time or fictitious trees shown only on papers and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) (a) Yes, Sir Planting of trees is one of the components of the Soil Conservation Scheme and tree planting on private/community waste/marginal lands, in some cases, is done by Agriculture Departments of the States

(b) The planting is mostly done in June, July and August depending upon the time of onset of monsoon. No reports of non-availability of plants from the nurseries in time have been received by this Ministry

(c) Survival percentage ranges from about 40% to 90% depending upon the soil,

climatic conditions and other factors.

(d) and (e) The tree plantation programmes are closely monitored by the concerned Departments of the State Governments. Necessary corrective measures are taken by them as and when any lapses/irregularities are detected

#### Telephone Facility in Maharashtra

8130 SHRIHARISHANKAR MAHALE  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the district-wise number of villages in Maharashtra, where telephone facility has been provided so far, and

(b) the number of villages in Maharashtra proposed to be provided with telephone facility during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) The district-wise list of number of villages in Maharashtra where telephone facility has been provided as on 31 3 1990 is given in attached statement

(b) The number of villages in Maharashtra proposed to be provided with telephone facility is 1500

#### STATEMENT

*District wise number villages in Maharashtra, where telephone facility has been provided upto 31 3 90*

<i>Sl No</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No of villages with telephones</i>
1	2	3
1	Ahmednagar	194
2	Akola	99

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. of villages with telephones</i>
1	2	3
3.	Amraoti	116
4.	Aumagabad	88
5.	Beed	97
6.	Bhandera	105
7.	Buldana	115
8	Chandrapur	92
9	Dhule	188
10.	Gadchiroli	67
11.	Jalgaon	175
12.	Jalna	80
13.	Kolhapur	95
14.	Latur	90
15.	Nagpur	85
16.	Nanded	126
17.	Nasik	152
18.	Osmanabad	88
19.	Parbhani	97
20.	Pune	143
21.	Raigarh	72
22.	Ratnagiri	113
23.	Sangli	122
24.	Satara	138

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. of villages with telephones</i>
1	2	3
25.	Sindhudurg	90
26.	Sholapur	174
27.	Thane	100
28	Wardha	86
29	Yeotmal	127
Total		3240

**Criteria for Identification of Farmers below Poverty Line**

8131. SHRIHARISHANKARMAHALE  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the size of land holding below which a farmer is considered to be below the poverty line;

(b) the criteria adopted in this regard.

(c) whether the quality of land is also taken into account for this purpose. and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):  
(a) to (d). Poverty line is assessed on the basis of information collected by National Sample Survey on Household consumption Expenditure For the Seventh Plan, the cut-off income of around Rs. 6,400 per family per

year has been taken as the poverty line level for rural areas

[English]

**Funds to Karnataka for Sub Markets**

8132. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance given to Karnataka for constructing sub-markets during 1989-90;

(b) the number of sub-market buildings taken up for construction in Karnataka, district-wise;

(c) the amount released for the building of these sub-markets, district-wise;

(d) the amount required to complete these sub-market building; and

(e) the time by which these buildings are likely to be completed?