

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges
in Andhra Pradesh**

*433. SHRI RAJAMOHANA
REDDY:
SHRI A PRATAP SAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific plan of Government for modernisation of the telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh in near future; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and whether the work has since started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. 61,000 lines from electronic exchanges have already been commissioned by 31st March '90. More than 30,000 lines of electronic equipment are proposed to be commissioned during 1990-91 subject to timely availability of equipment.

During the remaining four years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, allotments have been made for additional 1,61,000 lines of large size electronic exchanges which is likely to be commissioned progressively as the equipment become available.

Cross Breeding of Goats

*434. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether successful experiments have been carried out in cross breeding

different types of goats to increase the production of milk and meat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such innovations to increase production of meat and milk are proposed to be undertaken in the universities and other veterinary institutions in the country?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Extensive and systematic research on improving goats for milk and meat production in the country through evolutionary cross-breeding has been carried out since the beginning of the 4th Five Year Plan under the All India Coordinate Research Project (AICRP) on Goats at various State Agricultural Universities, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal and at Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar. The Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) which was set up in July, 1979 is concentrating on research programmes for improving the milk, meat and fibre production of goats in the country and to develop processing technology of goat products.

Use of Spurious Fertilizers

*435. SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:
SHRI L.K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat crop in thousands of acre of land in Nazafgarh-Isapur Village complex in Delhi had dried-up due to the use of spurious fertilizers;

(b) whether any investigations have been conducted into the allegations; and