

station and the two constables forming the escort party have been suspended. A separate vehicle with an escort consisting of lady police is being provided for escorting female prisoners.

#### V.H.F. a New Telephone System for Rural areas

\*239. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :  
SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new rural telephone system called V. H. F. system is being experimented ;

(b) if so, whether it will provide simultaneous speak and hear facilities ;

(c) whether this new type of tink is expected to result in greater reliability, easier operation ; and

(d) if so, how long it will take to take it to far away places in rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes Sir. A single channel V. H. F. system has developed for such areas.

(b) Yes Sir. It provides both speak and hear facilities just like an ordinary telephone ;

(c) This telephone system is expected to be more reliable and easy to handle in geographical areas where it is difficult to erect and maintain open wire lines.

(d) It is proposed to instal such systems, in the first instance, in hilly and backward areas. The first few systems are expected to be installed this year.

#### Tyre-factories in Public Sector

\*240. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of Tyre-factories functioning in the country in public sector ; and

(b) the manufacturing capacity of each of the factories ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) There is no central public sector Tyre factory in the country ;

(b) Does not arise.

#### Progress of State Farm at Barpeta Assam

1980. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made by the State Farm established at Barpeta Assam ;

(b) the total number of Officers drawing above Rs. 500 p. m., employees drawing below Rs. 500 p. m. and workers so far appointed ;

(c) the total amount of money spent so far in this regard ; and

(d) the total production up to the end of April, 1972 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASABER P. SHINDE) : (a) Total area of the farm at present is 5,000 acres. Operations in the area were commenced in November, 1971. Recruitment of staff, procurement of machinery and equipment for the farm, construction of temporary sheds development of land etc. have already been taken in hand. So far 532 acres have been reclaimed. It was possible to put about 30 acres of land under cultivation in rabi 1971-72. Total area so far cultivated in Kharif 1972 is 110 acres.

(b) As on 30th June, 1972, two Officers were drawing pay above Rs. 500 p.m. and nine employees below Rs. 500 p. m. From 10 to 250 workers have been employed since the farm was set up.

(c) Rs. 3,61,187/- upto 30.6.72.

(d) 145 quintals of wheat.

#### Poultry Farms and Nutritious Food Distribution Centres in M.P.

1981. SHRI MARTAND SINGH OF REWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of poultry farms and nutritious food distribution Centres functioning in the State of Madhya Pradesh, district-wise ; and

(b) the particulars regarding the financial contribution of Centre and the State during last three years in this regard ?