

### Deposit Money for Installation of Telephones in Rural areas

\*86. SHRI S. R. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the Telephone Deposit money for the installation of Telephones atleast in the rural areas; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to reduce the deposit in rural areas, where the telephone exchange capacity is less than 100 lines, to Rs. 100/- only.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI S. R. REDDY: In view of the very low per capita income in the rural areas, will the Minister consider reduction of deposit even to Rs. 50 or even free? Secondly, will he also consider the reduction of rentals in view of the poverty prevailing in the rural areas?

SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI: We have only consider the advance deposit money, not the security deposit and other things.

SHRI S. R. REDDY: Regarding the rentals, I would also like the Minister to reduce substantially the rentals of telephones in the rural areas?

SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI: No, we are not considering it yet.

SHRI A. SUNNA SAHIB: Regarding installation of telephones in the rural areas, may I know from the hon. Minister how many more telephone connections have been given so far?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sunna Sahib, it does not arise.

SHRI A. SUNNA SAHIB: Because of the reduction being given, how many more applications are received?

MR. SPEAKER: Because of the reduction, how many more applications are received? Because of the reduction have there been more applications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): If any specific question is asked, I will be able to answer. I want notice.

MR. SPEAKER: He has not got the information.

श्री शिवनारायण सरसूनिया : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिस तरह शहरों में टेलीफोन के बिलों में कुल लोकल काल्ब को एडजस्ट किया जाता है, क्या रूरल एरियाज में भी उतनी काल्ब को एडजस्ट किया जायेगा और वहाँ के लोगों को भी वही फेसिलिटी दी जायेगी ।

श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय : मूल प्रश्न सिर्फ एडवांस डिपोजिट के बारे में है । माननीय सदस्य जो प्रश्न पूछ रहे हैं, उनके लिए नोटिस चाहिए ।

श्री रणजीत सिंह : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो रिडक्शन की गई है, इस के आदेश नीचे जो पी एंड टी के सकिस्त हैं और डिविजन्स हैं उन में पहुंच गए हैं या नहीं ?

श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय : पहले प्रोपोजल है ।

### Directorate of Agricultural Aviation

\*87. SHRI SHIV NARAIN SARSONIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Directorate of Agricultural Aviation under the Ministry was set up;

(b) the annual expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether it is a temporary Department?