

(SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c) Yuva Vani service is proposed to be introduced from Panaji station of All India Radio.

Revival of Akashvani at Mysore

*114. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation either from individuals, institutions or from Government of Mysore to revive the Akashvani at Mysore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present All India Radio Broadcasting station at Bangalore is not audible at Mysore and nearby places; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any plans to revive the Mysore Akashvani in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. However, a scheme for setting up auxiliary studios at Mysore to be connected to the Bangalore Station is under implementation.

T.V. Station for Educational purposes

*115. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two Technological Institutes in the country had applied to Govt. for permission for setting up T.V. Stations for educational purposes;

(b) if so, whether the request has been considered; and

(c) the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The applications are under Government's consideration.

Conversion of Indian Council of Agricultural Research into a National Institute.

*116 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to convert the Indian Council of Agricultural Research into a national institute; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the further details therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce shortly a Bill in Parliament for declaring the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as an institution of national importance.

(b) The Council is at present a non-statutory organisation, being only a Society, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The grant of statutory status to the Council is a necessary step in the re-organisation of the Council, which has been decided upon. The proposed legislation will provide also for transfer of the employees of the erstwhile Government Research Institutes and others to this statutory body and for taking such incidental or ancillary steps as may be necessary.

Complaints against wrong telephone calls in Delhi

*117 SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL : SHRI MRITYUNJAY PRAESHAD :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the frequency of wrong number calls at various telephones installed in Delhi and New Delhi as well as other towns has increased overwhelmingly and the subscribers are to pay