

during July-November, 1990. No proposal for operating the scheme during the next season has been received from the State Government.

Lack of Planning in Procurement of Computer system

176. SHRI RAM SAGAR (SAIDPUR): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the observation of the C & AG contained in para 29 of his report for the year ending 31 March, 1989 (No. 2 of 1990) regarding lack of plan in procurement of a computer system for the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin;

(b) the amount spent on the purchase of computers, unit-wise, during the last three years by the scientific units under the Ministry of Agriculture;

(c) the details of cases where computers have not been put to use and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to put the computers into use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Sir, The matter has been enquired into and corrective measures have been taken to avoid recurrence of such blockage of funds.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has spent Rs. 2.23 crores on purchase of computers during the last three years.

(c) Nil

(d) Does not arise.

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronics

177. SHRI RAM SAGAR (SAIDPUR): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the States have achieved a feat by converting all their exchanges into electronics, by connecting all district headquarters with the State capital and by providing Tehsils, Sub-Division and Taluk HQ with Telecom, facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of similar steps taken in contemplated to connect the districts in eastern Uttar Pradesh like Ghazipur, Jaunpur with Lucknow providing telecom link to all the Tehsils, Sub-Divisional and Taluk HQ and replacing all the exchanges with electronics?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The district headquarters of Ghazipur and Jaunpur are already connected to the state capital through Varanasi trunk automatic exchange.

It is proposed to provide telecom link by the provision of STD facility for all the sub-divisional headquarters progressively during 8th plan period, with the future replacement of exchanges by electronic.

The following sub-divisional headquarters of Jaunpur and Ghazipur district are