

- (a) To collect available data with regard to Minor Irrigation Schemes;
- (b) To examine difficulties experienced by the States and the scope for further expansion; and
- (c) To render all possible assistance and guidance and to make suitable recommendations to enable the States to launch their schemes on a more sound footing.

The Committee examined in detail the problems and possibilities of minor irrigation of the country and submitted a Report in August, 1957, which includes general observations in respect of all the States of the Union of India as they existed before Reorganisation and also includes individual report in respect of the 18 former States prior to the Reorganisation.

Telephone Advisory Committees

*1562. { Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:
Shri Anthony Pillai:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:
Shri Sampath:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telephone Advisory Committees have been formed in any Centres;
- (b) if so, which are they;
- (c) what are the interests represented in these Committees; and
- (d) what are the functions of these Advisory Committees?

- (1) Coimbatore. (Madras State).
- (2) Amravati. (Bombay State).
- (3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.
- (4) Kanpur. (U.P.).
- (5) Ludhiana. (Punjab).
- (6) Hyderabad. (Andhra Pradesh).
- (7) Honnall. (Mysore State).
- (8) Junagadh (Bombay State).
- (9) Hoshangabad, (M.P.).

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24.]

Oilseed and Coconut Research Stations

*1563. { Shri Ghosal:
Shri Mahagaonkar:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any scheme for setting up Regional Oilseed Research Station and Coconut Research Station; and

(b) if so, where?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The required information as follows:

(i) A project for the intensification of regional research on cotton, oilseeds and millets sponsored jointly by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee provides *inter alia* for the establishment of research stations on oilseeds at the following places:—

Groundnut.
Groundnut.
Linseed.

Sarson and Rai.
Torina and Taramira.
Castor and Groundnut.

Groundnut.
Groundnut.
Linseed.