

## TELEPHONES

\*1100. **Shrimati Maydeo:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what is the State-wise requirement from public of Telephone instruments still unprovided?

(b) How many applicants are on the waiting list for telephones in Poona?

(c) Do Government propose to extend the 'Own-Your-Telephone' Scheme to Poona?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) A statement indicating the waiting list for telephone connections State-wise as on 1st April 1953 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 39.]

(b) The number of applicants on the waiting list at Poona is 1,022.

(c) No, as there is no capacity at present in the Poona Telephone Exchange for giving new connections.

## राजस्थान में बनीकरण

\*११०१. श्री बलचन्त सिंह महता : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) राजस्थान में रेगिस्तान का प्रसार रोकने के प्रयोजन से किये जाने वाले बनीकरण के लिये विमानों द्वारा बोए गये बीजों के कितने प्रतिशतक में अंकुर निकले हैं :

(ख) कितने वर्षों में यह भरा-पूरा बन हो जायगा ।

(ग) क्या इस विषय में विदेशी या भारतीय विशेषज्ञों का परामर्श लिया गया है ; तथा

(घ) यदि लिया गया है, तो उन विशेषज्ञों के नाम क्या हैं ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) to (d). The seeds were broadcast by air by the Rajasthan Government. The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

## BEE KEEPING

\*1102. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact, that a decision on the amalgamation of the All-India Bee-keepers' Association and the "Indian Council of Bee-Keeping", was reached recently?

(b) If so, on what understandings did the amalgamation take place?

(c) What are the steps that Government are going to take to help this organisation?

(d) In how many and in which States is the organisation functioning?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The proposed amalgamation has yet to be ratified by the Organisations concerned.

(b) to (d). It is difficult to answer until a clear picture of the amalgamated Organisation emerges.

## FERRY BOAT FOR GOALPARA

\*1103. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether the ferry arrangement across the Brahmaputra from Jogighopa to Goalpara in Assam is a part of the National Highways?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** Yes, Sir.

## VEGETABLE OILS

\*1104. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether in Daida and other Vegetable oils Vitamins are added?

(b) If so, do Government propose to state what Vitamins are added and from what materials?