

and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cellular Telephones in Bombay

6849. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to instal cellular phones in Bombay;

(b) if so, the total outlay for introduction of this service and the foreign exchange component involved therein; and

(c) whether the Government propose to scrap this proposal in view of the prevailing economic situation in the country.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). A proposal to provide this facility to registrants in foreign exchange is under consideration in consultation with Ministry of Finance. The matter is in the preliminary state of examination and details are yet to be worked out.

(c) No, Sir. All aspects of the proposal are under examination.

Parking Facilities in Delhi

6850. SHRIRAJNATHSONKARSHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether car and two-wheeler owners in Delhi find it difficult to park their vehicles and are being exploited by unauthorised persons at parking lots; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to provide adequate parking sites and to prescribe uniform rate of parking all over the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The provision of parking facilities in the Union territory of Delhi is primarily the concern of civic bodies. The parking facilities are not commensurate with the number of vehicles in Delhi. Both the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee have, however, reported that there is no exploitation of car and two-wheeler owners by unauthorised persons in the parking lots under their control.

(b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has plans to set up 9 more parking lots. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has plans to set up 3 underground/multi-level parking lots. The rates of parking are determined by the concerned civic bodies.

Fire Incidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

6851. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents occurred in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during last three years; and

(b) the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total number of fire incidents during the last three years, i.e. 1988 to 1990 was 284.

(b) The incidents occurred due to the sparks of welding/gas cutting operations being carried out by multiple agencies engaged in construction, falling on conveyor belt, waste jute, waste packing material,

minor electrical short circuits and spontaneous combustion of coal etc. The Management has taken extensive measures in terms of intensive fire vigilance, elaborate network of fire detection and alarm and protection systems throughout the plant besides educating employees in avoiding fire incidents and effective fire fighting.

Entry of Multi-National Companies in Poultry Industries

6852. SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HAN-DIQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of multi-national companies are trying to enter the poultry industries in collaboration with major Indian industrial houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the impact of entry of these multi-nationals on small and marginal farmers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian Poultry Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

New Research Centres in Kerala

6853. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) propose to set up new Research Centres for cash and horticultural crops in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the contribution made by the existing Research Centres in Kerala for development of agriculture in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing research centres in Kerala have developed around 50 improved varieties of various horticultural and plantation crops, viz. 7 in Coconut, 3 in Arecanut, 4 in Cashewnut, 8 in black-pepper, 4 in small Cardamom, 1 in ginger, 3 in turmeric 1 in pumpkin, 18 in tuber crops and 1 in lemon-grass. The Centres have also developed production technologies and coconut based cropping systems which have contributed towards increased productivity and income.

[*Translation*]

Electronics Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

6854. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in Surat, Baroda and Bharuch districts of Gujarat separately and the number of electronic exchanges out of them; and

(b) the details of the exchanges of those districts likely to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of telephone exchanges in Surat, Baroda and Bharuch districts of Gujarat as on 31.8.91 are 52, 55 and 33 respectively. The number