

so far provide for the following. Estimated cost of the electronic exchange equipment is also given below:

(i) A 1000 line proto-type local exchange indigenously developed by Telecom. Research Centre costing approx. Rs. 90 lakhs is being installed at Rajouri Gaden, New Delhi,

(ii) Installation of the following imported transit electronic exchanges for which global tenders have been invited and are under scrutiny.

Transit Telex Exchanges at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras with an aggregate capacity of 10,000 trunks/junctions; anticipated cost is Rs. 16 crores.

Transit Trunk Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Delhi, Bhopal, Agra and Belgaum with an aggregate capacity of 20,000 trunks/junctions. Anticipated cost is Rs. 28 crores.

(iii) Installation of a 10,000 line imported electronic local exchange at Cooperage Bombay for which tenders are likely to be invited shortly; anticipated cost is Rs. 6 crores;

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee has finalised the specification for obtaining trial local exchanges. Items of work regarding choice of the system and its indigenous production will be taken up after the policy for introduction of the electronic exchanges into the network is finalised.

Furnishings in Government Offices

4762. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently suggested for introducing cheap and sim-

ple furnishings in Central Government Offices; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether this suggestion is being accepted by the various Central Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Quantum of Ganga Waters at Farrakka

4763. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantum of water received by India under agreement with Bangladesh regarding sharing of Ganga Waters at Farrakka has been sufficient for the need to keep the Calcutta in working condition;

(b) whether last year the water received in the dry seasons were not sufficient to deepen the channel of the Bhagirathi; and

(c) whether any proposals have been made to revise the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal before the Government to revise the Agreement.

केन्द्रीय तम्बाकू अनुसंधान संस्थान, पूसा बिहार में दैनिक मजूरी वाले कर्मचारियों को नियमित किया जाना

4765. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय तम्बाकू अनुसंधान, संस्थान पूसा बिहार, में 47 कर्मचारी दस वर्ष से अधिक समय से दैनिक मजूरी पर काम कर रहे हैं;