

been received. In accordance with the policy then in force, these quarters were not electrified. The electrification of such quarters is provided on a programme basis depending on the availability of funds from year to year.

(c) As the quarters are according to the prescribed types, the realisation of rent is made according to the rules in force.

**TELEPHONE EXCHANGE ON MOHAMEDALI ROAD IN BOMBAY**

**637. Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government had decided to construct a new building for a new Telephone Exchange in Bombay on a plot of land on Mohamedali Road?

(b) Is it a fact that the squatters who were living on that plot were removed from there and the ground was cleared for the purpose last year?

(c) Is the ground being used at present by secondhand goods dealers and for keeping scrap metal as the construction of the building has not been taken up?

(d) When do Government propose to begin construction on the plot?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The Bombay Municipality to which the plots belonged evicted the occupants before leasing out the same to P. and T. Department.

(c) Certain unauthorised persons have stored furniture and scrap material on the plots and action is being taken to clear the site.

(d) The building work will be taken up by about the end of 1954.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH**

**638. Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the important subjects on which discussions were held at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Committee of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Hyderabad during the third week of August, 1953?

(b) Who are the Members of the Southern Regional Committee of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research?

(c) What are the areas, if any, selected under the scheme for cross-breeding?

(d) Has the proposal to establish an artificial insemination station been finalised?

(e) If so, where will this station be established?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 12.]

(c) The areas recommended in general for initiating cross-breeding research on cattle are (i) the hilly areas and (ii) the plains in the heavy rainfall areas of the country.

(d) Not yet. The proposal has been approved by this Committee, but in accordance with the normal procedure it will have to be considered by the Advisory Board and the Governing Body of the Council before finalisation.

(e) The proposal at present is to locate the station at Bangalore.