

scribers' Association, Palai, Kerala State, to have a direct telephone line to Cochin ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :** (a) Yes. A representation dated 11.3.68 asking for a direct telephone line from Palai to Cochin has been received from Meenachil Telephone Subscribers' Association of Palai.

(b) A trunk call from Palai to Cochin is normally established by the operator dialling through the Kottayam MLOD Centre from which access to Cochin Automatic exchange has been provided. These calls are being disposed of without any undue delay.

The average daily trunk traffic between Palai and Cochin is of the order of 25 calls for which no direct circuit is justified. Provision of more auto links between Palai-Kottayam-Cochin is under examination.

#### **Revitalisation of Community Development Projects**

6980. **SHRI R. BARUA :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Community Development projects in the country are not functioning properly due to indifferent attitude of certain State Governments on these programmes ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have finalised the scheme to revitalise the working of these community projects in the country ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) :** (a) and (b). Due to paucity of resources and shifts in programme priorities, States have not been able generally to accommodate full outlays for the Community Development Programme within the State Plan ceilings. This, along with other issues relating to future approaches to Community Development, is still under discussion with the States.

#### **Development of Posts and Telegraphs in Vidarbha Region**

6981. **SHRI DEORAO PATIL :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are in receipt of the resolutions, passed by the Conference of the representatives of all the political parties leading citizens and representatives of several organisations held in Nagpur on the 3rd March, 1968 regarding the problems of Vidarbha region in respect of Posts and Telegraphs development ; and

(b) if so, what are their main demand and Government's reaction thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Seed Farm in Tamil Nadu**

6982. **SHRI MAYAVAN :**  
**SHRI DHANDAPANI :**  
**SHRI CHITTYBABU :**  
**SHRI SUBRAVELU :**  
**SHRI KAMALANATHAN :**

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any seed farm is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and financial implications thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :** (a) and (b). There was a proposal to set up a Central State Farm in the Kudummalai forest area near Pudukkottai in Madras State for seed production but the State Government stated that they would set up a farm themselves in that area. This Farm has already been set up by the State Government in a compact block of 1000 acres in the first instance. This farm is for food-grains production.

There is also a provision of Rs. 35 lakhs in the State Plan for 1968-69 for setting up Seed Farms and Stores.