

Setting up of Fruits and Vegetables Processing Project in Punjab

8195. SHRI KAMAL CHOUDHRY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has any plan to set up a fruits and vegetable processing project in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and formalities completed in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Pending Applications for Freedom Fighters Pension from Rajasthan

8196. SHRIGULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications of Freedom Fighters pending from Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) whether some of the freedom fighters who remained in Udaipur Jail in 1942 Movement are still awaiting the sanction of their pensions even after submitting their applications with all records; and

(c) if so, the time by which such applications would be provided pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) All application

received for grant of Freedom Fighters' pension from the State of Rajasthan before the last date fixed for the purpose viz. 31.3.1982 have been disposed of. Applications received beyond the last date are treated as delayed applications. Such delayed applications are considered only if they are accompanied by evidence from official records.

(b) No record is maintained of applications according to the jail-wise suffering. However, two delayed applications from the district of Udaipur with claim of suffering in Udaipur Jail are awaiting consideration of the Government for want of information which has been sought for from the applicant/State Govt.

(c) Their cases can be considered further only when the required informations is received.

Setting up Cross Bar Telephone Exchange at Udaipur

8197. SHRIGULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for setting up of electronic telephone exchanges is increasing throughout the country and if so, the total requirement thereof and when it will be fulfilled;

(b) whether cross bar exchanges are proposed to be discontinued in future; and

(c) if so, the reasons for setting up a 4000 line cross bar exchange in Udaipur during 1990-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. In the 8th Five Year Plan it is proposed to instal 73 Lakh lines of telephone exchange capacity,