

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges  
in Andhra Pradesh**

\*433. SHRI RAJAMOHANA  
REDDY:  
SHRI A PRATAP SAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific plan of Government for modernisation of the telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh in near future; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and whether the work has since started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISSHANN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. 61,000 lines from electronic exchanges have already been commissioned by 31st March '90. More than 30,000 lines of electronic equipment are proposed to be commissioned during 1990-91 subject to timely availability of equipment.

During the remaining four years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, allotments have been made for additional 1,61,000 lines of large size electronic exchanges which is likely to be commissioned progressively as the equipment become available.

**Cross Breeding of Goats**

\*434. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether successful experiments have been carried out in cross breeding

different types of goats to increase the production of milk and meat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such innovations to increase production of meat and milk are proposed to be undertaken in the universities and other veterinary institutions in the country?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Extensive and systematic research on improving goats for milk and meat production in the country through evolutionary cross-breeding has been carried out since the beginning of the 4th Five Year Plan under the All India Coordinate Research Project (AICRP) on Goats at various State Agricultural Universities, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal and at Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar. The Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) which was set up in July, 1979 is concentrating on research programmes for improving the milk, meat and fibre production of goats in the country and to develop processing technology of goat products.

**Use of Spurious Fertilizers**

\*435. SHRI SHANKERSINH  
VAGHELA:  
SHRI L.K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat crop in thousands of acre of land in Nazafgarh-Isapur Village complex in Delhi had dried-up due to the use of spurious fertilizers;

(b) whether any investigations have been conducted into the allegations; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The farmers of village Dhansa of Nazafgarh block made a complaint in December, 1989 alleging the sale of Single Super Phosphate as DAP. On receipt of the complaint, Delhi Administration was requested to investigate the matter and take necessary action against the offenders.

On investigation by Delhi Administration, it was found that the wheat crop which was about 25 to 30 days old was affected. The samples taken from the left over stocks of fertilisers, available with the farmers, were analysed at the Central Fertiliser Quality Control and Training Institute Faridabad. On analysis it was found that all the four samples were of SSP and not of DAP. Accordingly, an FIR was lodged with the police. After a vigorous follow-up of the complaint, a case has been registered against the offenders and is under investigation.

#### **Wasteland Development Plan**

\*437 SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Union Government are working on a plan in which potential of land and labour will be fully tapped by proper land use planning, promoting agro-based rural industries, developing an integrated farming system and strengthening socio-economic research to achieve optimum efficiency in the use of agricultural inputs

(b) if so, whether the ICAR has agreed to provide technology support to the Na-

tional Mission on Waste Land Development to improve the production from wastelands; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir

(c) In an effort to reclaim wastelands for sustained production of bio-mass, a number of agencies under the aegis of ICAR are assisting the Technology Mission for Wastelands Development. The list of important ICAR Institutions collaborating with the National Mission on Wastelands Development is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **STATEMENT**

##### *List of important ICAR Institutions collaborating with the National Mission on Wastelands Development*

- 1 Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal
- 2 Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI), Andaman and Nicobar
- 3 Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI), Jhansi
- 4 National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS & LUP), Nagpur
- 5 Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur
- 6 Central Research Institute for Dry Land Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad.
- 7 Central Soil and Water Conserva-