

Plantation Policy of Government (in which Teak Trees are planted instead of Sal) which is stated to have resulted in gradual decline of the daily earnings of the local Adivasis from the forest produce;

(b) whether it is also a fact that police resorted to firing without any warning or lathi-charge or tear-gas, on peaceful Adivasis who were protesting in Gua (in Singhbhum in September last) against the present forest policy;

(c) whether his attention has been drawn to reports about police excesses on Adivasis of that area; if so, the excesses reported and Government's reaction thereon; and

(d) the Government's reaction regarding the demands of these Adivasis and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Allegations against Assam State Cooperative Union

780. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam appointed a Committee in 1978 to enquire into some allegations such as misuse of funds mal-practices, corruption, etc. against Assam State Cooperative Union.

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the findings of said enquiry Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). The required information is awaited from the State Government of Assam.

Establishment of Telephone Factory in North East Region

781. SHRI T. ALIBA IMTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a factory for manufacturing Telephones/Telegraph equipments and components in the North East region; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open Telephone/Telegraph equipment store in North East region particularly in less developed areas like Nagaland; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create a post of Area Manager for Nagaland and nearby States in order to give much needed facilities to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is already a Circle Store Depot at Gauhati for meeting the requirements of North East Region including Nagaland.

(c) No, Sir. There is already a Director of Tele-communications functioning at Dibrugarh for effective and efficient functioning of telecom. system in the State of Nagaland and nearby areas.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम में रिक्त पद

782. श्री कलराज मिश्र : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर दिलाया गया है कि भारतीय खाद्य