

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) With a view to improving production and ecological conditions in drought prone and desert areas, the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the Desert Development Programme are being implemented. Research support for increasing agricultural productivity is being provided, besides other schemes, through the All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture. The State Governments are assisted financially to take up employment, drinking water supply and relief arrangements. A 12-point Programme for drought management has been formulated by the Prime Minister. A copy of the Programme is appended. [See Appendix CXIV, Annexure No. 93].

(c) Does not arise.

Modern Bakeries

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

(a) what is the number of Modern Bakeries functioning in various States and Union Territories and how many of them are running with foreign collaboration State wise; and

(b) what is the profit or loss incurred by Modern Bakeries during 1977-78 and 1978-79 respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) There are 13 bread manufacturing units of Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd. functioning in various States and Union Territories of the country. None of the said units is running with foreign collaboration. A statement indicating the State/Union Territory-wise location of the units is attached.

(b) The profit before taxation made by Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd. during 1977-78 and 1978-79 was Rs. 57.20 lakh and Rs. 46.51 lakhs respectively.

Statement

Statement indicating the State-wise location of the Bread manufacturing units of Modern Bakeries/ (India) Ltd.

1. Ahmedabad , Gujarat
2. Bombay , Maharashtra
3. Bangalore . Karnataka
4. Cochin .. Kerala
5. Calcutta . West Bengal
6. Chandigarh . Union Territory of Chandigarh
7. Delhi , . Union Territory of Delhi
8. Hyderabad . Andhra Pradesh
9. Indore . Madhya Pradesh
10. Jaipur , . Rajasthan
- u. Kanpur • -V . Uttar Pradesh
12. Madras . ' . Tamil Nadu
13. Ranchi . Bihar

Applications for Telephone connections

962. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of applications pending at present in each State and each Union Territory for new telephone connections; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for speedy disposal of pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) A statement giving the number of applications on the waiting lists as on 31-3-80 in the different telecommunication administrative units indicating the States and Union Territories served by them is annexed.

(b) The existing telephone exchanges are being expanded and new ones being opened. The production of exchange equipment, telephone cables, and other equipments is being augmented.

About 1.7 lakh telephone connections are expected to be added during 1980-81 all over the country.

Statement of Waiting Lists

Name of Telephone Circle/Telephone Districts	State/Union Territory served	Waiting list as on 31-3-80
1. Andhra Pradesh Telecom. Circle and Hyderabad Telephone District.	Andhra Pradesh	10778
2. Bihar Telecom. Circle and Patna Telephone District.	Bihar	2660
3. Gujarat Telecom. Circle and Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat Telephone Districts.	Gujarat, Daman, Diu and Selvaasa.	20459
4. Jammu & Kashmir Telecom. Circle	Jammu & Kashmir	2801
5. Karnataka Telecom. Circle and Bangalore Telephone District.	Karnataka	10802
6. Kerala Telecom. Circle and Trivandrum and Ernakulam Telephone Districts.	Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep	16926
7. Maharashtra Telecom. Circle and Nagpur, Bombay and Pune Telephone District.	Maharashtra & Goa.	127047
8. Madhya Pradesh Telecom. Circle and Indore Telephone District.	Madhya Pradesh	4268
9. North East Telecom. Circle	Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.	2843
10. North West Telecom. Circle and Amritsar, Ludhiana, Jullundur and Chandigarh Telephone Districts.	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh.	18014
11. Orissa Telecom. Circle	Orissa	1790
12. Rajasthan Telecom. Circle and Jaipur Telephone District.	Rajasthan	7197
13. Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle and Coimbatore, Madras and Madurai Telephone District.	Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry	14738
14. Uttar Pradesh Telecom. Circle and Kanpur, Lucknow and Agra Telephone Districts.	Uttar Pradesh	11470
15. West Bengal Telecom. Circle and Calcutta Telephone District.	West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar.	24053
16. Delhi Telephone District	Delhi	59707
	G. TOTAL	335548