PRICKS AND PROCURFMENT OF FOOD GRAINS

1252. SHRI KUMBHA RAM ARYA:

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:

Will the Min ster of FOOD AND AGRI-CULTURE be ileased to state:

(a) whether i is a fact that Government have decided to review the policy relating to the prices an 1 procurement of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, ihe details thereof?

THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government review the prices and irocurement policies of foodgrains before e: ch harvesting season. A review will be m ide towards the end of September 1970 b fore the new kharif season begins.

SIT en KM u \s FOR SUGAR PLANTS

1253. SHRI KUMBHA RAM ARYA:

SHRI ,'HYAM LAL YADAV:

Will the Mil ister of FOOD AND AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ir is a fact that Government have decided tc appoint a technical commit tee for drawing up revised standard specifi cations for sugar plants; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Ol FOOD. AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND CO OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Technical Committee comprising of 17 members inrluding the representatives of the Sugar Ind istry and the Sugar Mill Machinery Ma lufacturers was appointed in July, 1970 for reviewing the standard speci-fications for sti| ar planls drawn up earlier in 1964, in the li,'ht of the developments that have since taki n place in technique and de sign features n some equipments. The Com mittee has ben asked to submit its report within a peric 1 of six months.

FUNCTIONIP OF TRUNK TELEPHONE s STEM IN DELHI

1254. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there bad been large complaints from the members of Parliament and by the general public regarding working of the present Trunk telephone system in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that booking a call from Delhi to other States takes a whole day and even then there is a virtual state of uncertainty as to whether the call would materialise at all;

(c) whether Government are aware , that the newly introduced system of Trunk Calls in Hyderabad has been working satisfactorily;

(d) if so, whether in view of its successful operation, Government are considering to introduce such scheme in Delhi also;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to make the Trunk Calls system more efficient and to the satisfaction of the people in Delhi and other cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPART-MENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No. The answer on trunks booking is mostly within the prescribed standard of 10 seconds. Regarding trunk calls to mature. it may be mentioned that generally there is hardly any delay for transmission on direct routes except when there is breakdown in the coaxial cable system. However for transit calls and the terminal calls on side routes much depends upon the functioning of the circuits and quantum of traffic. Most of the open wire routes are prone to the wire thefts.

(c) According to the information available the only difference between the working of Delhi trunk exchange and Hyderabad trunk exchange is that at Hyderabad they are resorting to non-revertive system for dealing with enquiries on 181 while in Delhi the subscribers are rung back to give them the desired information.

(d) Non-revertive method is not considered suitable for Delhi where more than 90% of tlie queries are answered within 3 minutes through the existing method of working.

(e) Hyderabad system being a smaller one can successfully follow the non-revertive method whereas in Delhi this system will in-volve provision of additional positions and additional staff. In addition to this there is a large number of M.Ps and VIPs at Delhi who will find it inconvenient to hold the line till the information is collected and passed on to them.