

विचार है ; यदि हां तो इस विचार को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या उक्त प्रकसर्चेंज में अलग लगाए जाने वाले पैनल प्राप्त हो गए हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो वे कब प्राप्त हुए थे और उन्हें अभी तक न लगाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

†[KHURJA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

*557. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate panel and to appoint an operator in the Khurja Telephone Exchange to facilitate trunk-calls, if so, by when this proposal is likely to be implemented;

(b) whether the separate panels to be fixed in the said exchange have since been received; and

(c) if so, when they were received and what are the reasons for not installing them so far?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री (श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह) : (क) खुरजा में एक अलग ट्रंक बोर्ड पहले ही मौजूद है, जिस पर आपरेटर काम करते हैं। 1970 के अंत तक इसे दो नये बोर्डों से बदलने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ख) जी हां। अतिरिक्त नये बोर्ड लगाने के लिए कुछ सामग्री प्राप्त हो गई है।

(ग) सामग्री 1967 में प्राप्त होनी शुरू हुई थी। चूंकि अभी पूरे उपस्कर प्राप्त नहीं हुए, इसलिए इसे लगाने का काम शुरू नहीं किया जा सका।

†[THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA): (a) There is already a separate Trunk Board at Khurja manned by operators. The proposal is to replace the same by two new Boards by the end of 1970.

(b) Yes. Some of the stores have been received for installation of additional new boards.

(c) Stores started being received from 1967. Since full complement of the equipments has not yet been received, installation work could not be commenced.]

PRICES OF FERTILISER PRODUCT

*558. SHRI K. S. MALLE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the following basic requirements of the green revolution years from the year 1966 to 1969:

(i) Ammonium Sulphate

(ii) Urea

(iii) Muriate of Potash

(iv) Copper Sulphate; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken by Government to stabilise the prices of the above essential requirements of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The retail prices of ore to cultivators for the years 1966 to 1969 are as under—

Name of fertiliser	Rs. per metric tonne (50 Kg packing)			
	1966	1967	1968	1969
(i) Ammonium Sulphate	416	503	513	54
(ii) Urea	680	840	860	943
(iii) Muriate of Potash	(no imports)	440	485	523
(iv) Copper Sulphate	The price of copper sulphate during 1968 to 1970 has been varying from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 5,700 per tonne.			

†[] English translation.

(b) The maximum selling prices of four major fertilisers viz., Ammonium Sulphate, Urea, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate are statutorily controlled and any report of sale at higher prices is immediately investigated by the concerned State Governments and action taken under the Fertiliser (Control) Order 1957 issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

The sale price of Muriate of Potash is also regulated by the Government of India.

With the establishment of larger fertiliser factories with latest technology, the cost of production and hence the price of fertilisers are expected to come down. The National Development Council had laid down that the agricultural inputs including fertilisers should not be subsidised and that prices of agricultural output should be maintained at an incentive level as an encouragement to the farmers.

UNIVERSITY STUDIO IN DELHI

*559. SHRI INDER SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a University Broadcasting Studio in Delhi;

(b) if so, the role that the studio will be assigned; and

(c) whether the studio will also be utilised for giving lectures for university courses and if so, whether students of other states will be permitted to take the examinations for which the radio will impart lectures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI J. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir; not for the present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

FOREST WEALTH

1220. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to exploit the forest wealth in the country by any special scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE): (a) and (b) There is no special

scheme under the consideration of the Central Government for exploitation of forest wealth in the country. However, the Government of India have undertaken two projects (i) Preinvestment Survey of Forest Resources, and (ii) Logging Training Project which would indirectly help in fuller and better exploitation of the timber resources of the country.

The Project of Preinvestment Survey of Forest Resources envisages detailed investigations of economic availability of forest resources of the country and their technical suitability for establishing suitable forest industries. The Logging Training Project on the other hand aims at providing training to the personnel engaged in timber extraction operations with a view to introduce improved methods of logging.

Preinvestment Survey of Forest Resources Scheme started as a joint UNDP/FAO/GOI Project in 1965 was carried over an area of about 29,260 sq. kms. in three zones namely Northern Zone (Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh) Central Zone (Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra) and Southern Zone (Mysore and Kerala). The total funds provided for it were Rs. 131 lakhs at pre-devaluation. Further as part of the follow up programme by the Government of India, a detailed scheme has been approved with a view to conduct preinvestment survey over an additional area of approximately 85,000 sq. kms and during 1969-70 the Preinvestment Survey of Forest Resources has completed field work in respect of forest area of Jammu & Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

As regards the Logging Training Project, it came into commission from August 1965 and concluded on 31-8-69. The Project has, however, been continued into the Fourth Plan and 1120 forest personnel have been trained upto 1969-70.

The information in regard to any special schemes to exploit forest wealth taken up by States/U.Ts is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha as soon as it is received from the respective State/U.T. Governments.

RADIO TELEPHONE SERVICES BETWEEN INDIA AND NORTH KOREA

1221. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the radio telephone service and radio telegraph service have recently been started between India and North Korea;

(b) if so, since when; and