

CLOSURE OF TEXTILE MILLS IN MAHARASHTRA

*407. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 8,500 workers were recently rendered jobless by the closure of five textile mills in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, whether any alternative jobs have been provided to these workers ; and

(c) what were the causes of the closure of the factories ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKH-LAL HATHI) : (a) to (c) The matter falls in the State sphere.

IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

*408. SHRI T. SIDDALINGAYA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the Prime Minister during her recent visit to Australia and other countries discussed the question of import of foodgrains to this country and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB SHINDE) : No, Madam.

UNLOADING AND STORING OF FOOD- GRAINS IN FEROPPORE DIVISION

*409. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Divisional Operating Superintendent of Railways of Ferozpur Division has recently made a statement that the booking of foodgrains to the Delhi area had to be cancelled because the Food Corporation of India had made no further arrangements for unloading and storing of foodgrains in that area ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB SHINDE) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT SITAPUR

*410. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) when the automatic telephone exchange was installed at Sitapur ;

(b) how many complaints were received about its unsatisfactory working ; and

(c) the number of complaints received about wrong billing and general behaviour of the staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The automatic telephone exchange at Sitapur was commissioned on 31st March, 1967.

(b) 320 complaints were received regarding its unsatisfactory working over a period of 16 months.

(c) Over a period of 16 months, 70 complaints were received regarding wrong billing and 3 specific complaints against rude behaviour of the staff.

SALE OF LAND FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN DELHI

*411. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the plots of lands in the Government built colonies for displaced persons in Delhi have been sold on 99-year lease basis ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the super-structures thereon have been sold out by Government with full proprietary rights ;