

REPATRIATES FROM CEYLON IN NILGIRI HILLS

1233. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN:
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA
MENON:
SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to start new plantations in Nilgiri Hills in Madras State to give employment to the repatriates from Ceylon;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) total amount likely to be spent on this scheme; and

(d) the number of repatriates likely to get employment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) A scheme for the raising of tea plantations in Nilgiri Hills has been sanctioned.

(b) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Scheme for the Repatriates from Ceylon in Nilgiri Hills

Area covered by the scheme sanctioned.	750 acres.
Location of the Project.	Gudalur in Nilgiris district.
Employment potential	800 persons.
Amount sanctioned for the scheme (Loan)	Rs. 92.71 lakhs.
Implementing agency	Government of Madras.

CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1234. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN:
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA
MENON:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the follow-up action taken by the Government on the recommendations made at the Chief Ministers Conference on Community Development held at Madras recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): The recommendations have been communicated to the States/ Union Territories for necessary follow-up action; the Ministry has also initiated action where necessary.

DIRECT TELEPHONE SYSTEM

1235. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to connect more cities with direct telephone;

(b) if so, the cities which will be covered by the scheme;

(c) whether direct telephone system now in vogue between different cities is working satisfactorily; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative what steps have been taken to improve the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) The provision of Subscribers Trunk Dialling on 18 additional routes has already been approved. A list of these routes is laid on the Table of the Sabha. Further it is programmed to introduce National Dialling which would ultimately link all Telephone exchanges on Subscribers Trunk Dialling. A tentative list of cities wherein these facilities are likely to be provided during Fourth Plan is also laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Yes.

(d) Schemes are afoot to improve the service further.

STATEMENT

Subscribers Trunk Dialling Routes

I. Proposed point to point Subscribers Trunk Dialling routes—

1. Srinagar-Anantnag.
2. Srinagar-Baramula.
3. Srinagar-Sopore