

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

MERGER OF MOUNT ABU WITH RAJASTHAN

*265. **Shri G. D. Somani:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Resolution passed unanimously by the Legislature of the State of Rajasthan requesting the President to merge Mount Abu in the State of Rajasthan; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take or are taking in the matter?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). A copy of the Resolution has been received by the Government of India. Action on the resolution is under consideration.

SUPPLY OF WATER TO RAYAGODA TOWN

34. **Shri Sanganna:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Railway Authorities (B. N. Railway) have agreed to supply water to the Rayagoda town on payment?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what will be the approximate date of putting the agreement into effect?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

MOBILE RADIO SERVICES

35. **Shri P. N. Rajabhoj:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how many licences were issued during the year 1951-52 for mobile radio services?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The numbers of licenses issued for mobile radio services during 1951 and 1952 were as follows:—

	1951	1952 upto 22-5-52
(a) Maritime mobile service	103	109
(b) Aeronautical mobile service.	193	205
(c) Land mobile service	963	964
	1259	1278

BERAR DIVISION (TELEPHONES)

36. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what steps are being taken to connect by telephone such places as Daryapur, Achalpur, Morsi, Darwha, Pandharkarvada, Chikhli, Chandur Railway and Murtizapur in the Berar division of Madhya Pradesh?

(b) Is there any plan to connect them?

(c) If so, by what time will the work be completed?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) to (c). Public Call Offices already exist at Murtizapur, Chandur and Achalpur and these places are already connected to the all-India trunks. The rest of the places are not yet so connected.

It is proposed to connect Darwha to the all-India trunk network during the current financial year. Regarding other places, the schemes are unremunerative and there is no proposal to take them up for the present unless a guarantee is furnished.

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS IN MADHYA PRADESH

37. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the target of procurement for the State of Madhya Pradesh of *juar*, wheat and rice for the year 1952-53?

(b) What was the quantity procured in each case up to 30th April, 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Madhya Pradesh Government's procurement target of *juar*, wheat and rice for 1952 is 40,000 tons, 13,000 tons and 226,000 tons respectively.

(b) Against the above targets 61,982 tons of *juar*, 7,561 tons of wheat and 152,735 tons of rice have been procured between 1-1-52 and 26-4-52.

LOCUST MENACE

38. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Iran have requested the Government of India for immediate assistance in meeting the locust situation in that country; and