

Telephones in Nangal Dam

687. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for installation of telephones at Nangal Dam still pending at present; and

(b) when the applicants are expected to be provided with telephones?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) 19.

(b) The connections will be given after opening of the new exchange at Naya Nangal and laying of underground cables. It is expected that the work will be completed by the middle of 1963-64.

I.D.A. Loan for Highways

688. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme to improve Calcutta-Delhi and Calcutta-Bombay-Madras Highways with a loan from the International Development Association of the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A Statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House, [*Placed in Library, see No. LT-941|63*].

Assistance from Australia for C.D. Projects

689. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Director of an unofficial Australian move-

ment called "Community Aid Abroad" is on a visit to this country with a view to selecting a few community development projects in India for receiving financial help from this Australian organisation; and

(b) if so, what kind of projects have been selected by him for this aid programme, and the amount of money that is likely to be spent by this organisation on those projects?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy):

(a) and (b). The Community Aid Abroad is a voluntary, people's organisation of Australia, which for about a decade now has been extending financial assistance to selected programmes and projects in India. The assistance is on people-to-people basis and is not in any way connected with the C.D. Programme in India. The Community Aid Abroad has so far given a sum of £21,000 for projects in India. They propose to increase the quantum of financial assistance, for which purpose they intend selecting some more projects. In this connection, the Director of the Community Aid Abroad is presently on a visit to this country.

Tamil Telegraphy

690. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the introduction of Tamil Telegraphy is under consideration of Government;

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

(c) since how long this is under consideration;

(d) whether the Government of Madras have sent any representation in this connection; and

(e) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.