

Non-Departmental Telephone Operators

1280. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are non-departmental telephone operators employed in the Punjab Circle; and

(b) if so, their number?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) 29.

Telephone Exchange at Guruharsahai

1281. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for providing a Telephone Exchange at Guruharsahai in Ferozepore District; and

(b) if so, when this proposal will be implemented?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b) The present demand for telephone connections does not justify the opening of an exchange.

Trunk Telephone Lines to Ferozepore

1282. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trunk telephone lines to Ferozepore are frequently out of order and un-serviceable; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) All Trunk telephone circuits connected to Ferozepore are working with over 99% efficiency with the exception of one circuit connected to Delhi which has an efficiency of 88%.

(b) The comparatively low efficiency of the circuit connected to Delhi

is due to the fact that is built up through Ludhiana and Ambala and the lack of adequate spare lines between Ambala and Delhi. This defect has now been rectified.

Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks in West Bengal

1283. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Extension Service Blocks and Community Development Blocks of West Bengal; and

(b) the People's contribution in 1956?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Post-intensive Blocks 12.

Community Development Blocks. 16. N.E.S. Blocks 90.

(b) Approximately Rs. 36 lakhs in cash, kind and labour.

Post Office Savings Account

1284. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of cases and the amount thereof during 1947 to 1957 so far where the account has been declared as "Dead Account" on account of the respective parties having lost their Post Office Savings Pass Books and consequently the amount not being paid to them?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Does not arise as an Account is not treated as "Dead" on loss of Pass book. Depositor can obtain a duplicate.

Passenger Amenities

1285. Shri Radhamohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any express trains are proposed to be run on the Allahabad-Katihar Section of the North Eastern Railway;

- (b) if so, since when;
- (c) if not, why not; and

(d) what passenger amenities are proposed to be provided on this section and on Ballia-Shahgunj section during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no traffic justification for the introduction of an additional train on the Allahabad-city-Katihar section.

(d) The passenger amenities, which are proposed to be provided during the Second Five Year Plan are indicated in statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 93]. But these are subject to the approval of the Railway Users' Amenities Committee and availability of funds and material.

Overcrowding in Trains

1286. **Shri Radhamohan Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to remove overcrowding in trains on the line between Ballia and Chupra Junction; and

(b) if so, what are they and when they are expected to be enforced?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) There is no overcrowding in trains on Chupra-Ballia section

(b) Does not arise.

Grow More Food Schemes

1287. **Shri Ghosal:**
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the additional production of foodgrains obtained during 1956-57

in West Bengal through Grow More Food Schemes; and

(b) the amount spent thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). Complete information regarding the additional production obtained during 1956-57 through Grow More Food Schemes and the amount spent thereon have not been reported by the Government of West Bengal. The reports so far received show the additional production as 24980 tons and the expenditure as Rs. 82.15 lakhs only. (Long term loan Rs. 11.56 lakhs, Short term loan Rs. 62.76 lakhs and grant Rs. 7.83 lakhs).

Fair Price Shops in West Bengal

1288. { **Shri Ghosal.**
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains distributed through the Fair Price Shops of West Bengal from April, 1957 to September, 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): The following quantities of rice and wheat have been distributed in West Bengal during the period April to September, 1957.

Rice 66,900 tons

Wheat 275,400 tons.

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१२८६. श्री मोहन स्वकर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री २५ नवम्बर, १९५७ के प्रतारकित प्रश्न संख्या ६५३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवम्बर १९५७ में बिहार में कितनी चीनी मिलें चालू हो गयी हैं ;

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में इस मास में घेरे गये गन्ने से कितनी चीनी फ कबरो ई है ;