

(c) with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Presumably the hon'ble member refers to the road overbridge near Madan-Mahal at mile 614 of Itarsi-Allahabad Section on Central Railway and if so, the reply is in the affirmative

(b) and (c) It appears the State Government consider this scheme of low priority and have, therefore, sponsored no proposal so far indicating when they are likely to have funds available for meeting their share of the costs

Movement of Foodgrains from Punjab

507. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the quantity of foodgrains moved out from Punjab State during the last six months, and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains sent to Punjab State to meet the food situation during the same period?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) During the period August 1958 to January, 1959, about 20 000 tons of seed wheat and 54,000 tons of rice moved out from Punjab State on Government account. Figures of movement through trade channels, are not available

During the same period, 47 000 tons of wheat and maize were supplied to the Punjab Government

Telephone Exchanges

**508. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for expanding the Telephone Exchanges during 1958 have been implemented,

(b) if so, the number of new lines added to each of them, and

(c) the number of new Telephone Exchanges proposed to be opened in other big cities during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, to the extent funds were available

(b) A statement is placed on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No 127]

(c) 20*

Rat Extermination Campaign

**509 { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi.**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) which States had declared war against field rats, in connection with the rabi production drive,

(b) how long this campaign was continued, and

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the percentage of rats killed in this campaign?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi have launched extermination campaign against rats

(b) The campaign has been launched from September, 1958 and for the present would continue throughout the Rabi Season

(c) It is not possible to make any assessment

*Forming part of the existing tele phone systems involving generally, replacement of Manual Exchanges by new Auto Exchanges