

of schemes in their Annual Plans. As such, it is not possible to indicate the amount of Central assistance given to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for their Minor Irrigation Scheme during 1962-63. Information with regard to grant and loans sanctioned to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1962-63 for their Agricultural Development Schemes, including Minor Irrigation and Land Development is, however, given below:—

| Year | Grant | Loans |
|----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1962-63. | 46.09 Lakhs | 326.84 lakhs. |

Teleprinter Service

897. **Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in India which have teleprinter service in their telegraph offices; and

(b) the conditions that qualify a telegraph office for the installation of a teleprinter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) 116.

(b) Adequate load of traffic (the minimum being on an average 32 telegrams per hour on at least one circuit).

Telephones in Rajasthan

898. **Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns in Rajasthan, where telephone system was introduced in 1962;

(b) whether the residents of the towns of Anta and Mangrol in District Kota and of Manoharthana in district Jhalawar in Rajasthan have applied for telephone connection facilities; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Name of towns in Rajasthan where telephone exchanges were opened during 1962:

1. Nohar . . . 50 lines CB exchange.
2. Sadul Shahar . . . 50 lines CB exchange.
3. Surajgarh . . . 25 lines SAX opened.

List of Public Call Offices opened during 1962

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chandlai | 9. Sridunga-garh |
| 2. Nagda | 10. Deogarh- |
| | Madaria |
| 3. Kesrisinghpur | 11. Bhim |
| 4. Vcnasthali | 12. Saporta |
| 5. Chhipa Barod | 13. Mangrol |
| 6. Kenwat | 14. Indergarh |
| 7. Jobner | 15. Asind |
| 8. Khetri Copper Mines. | 16. Badnor |

(b) Long Distance Public Call Offices are working in Anta and Mangrol and Phonocom is working at Manoharthana. No applications for telephone connections are pending at these stations.

(c) Does not arise.

Staff Quarters at Phulbani

899. **Dr. Kohor:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to construct Office building and Staff Quarters of Post and Telegraph Department at Phulbani in Orissa State during Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what was the estimated cost for the same and the reason for delay in construction?

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

(b) Post Office building at a cost of Rs. 44,115 and staff quarters at Rs. 50,000[-.

Tenders were called thrice but they were rejected as they were high. Next time when tenders were called

there was no response. It is now proposed to entrust the works to the State P.W.D. for execution.

Berhampur-Phulbani Railway Line

900. Dr. Kohor: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct new railway line from Berhampur (Ganjam) to Phulbani via Aska and Bhanjanagar and then to Balliguda during Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, when the commencement of survey work for the same is expected?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Visakhapatnam-Bhilai Railway Line

901. Shri Ulka: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals to lay a double line (railway) between Visakhapatnam (Andhra) and Bhilai (M.P.) via Raipur; and

(b) if so, when the doubling of the said line would be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Of the 345 mile long section between Visakhapatnam and Bhilai, the line between Waltair and Vizianagram (38 miles) and Raipur and Bhilai (15 miles) is already doubled. The work on the doubling between Lanjigarh Road and Ambodala (9 miles) and Bissamcuttack and Theruvali (11 miles) is in progress and is expected to be completed by December 1963. The doubling of the remaining single line will be considered as and when justified by the increase in traffic.

Postal Services in Orissa

902. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages were covered by postal services in Orissa by the end of the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the number of villages that were covered by postal services uptill now from the beginning of the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). Even at the commencement of the Second Five Year Plan, all inhabited villages in Orissa had the facility of delivery of mails either through the regular delivery staff of a post office or through 'special mazdoors'. During the Third Plan period, improvements have been made in the frequency of delivery service. The position is indicated below:

| Frequency of delivery service | No. of villages served | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | as on 1-4-1961 (as per 51-Census) | as on 1-1-1963 (as per 61-Census) |
| Daily . . . | 10,867 | 15,598 |
| Tri-weekly . . . | 18,998 | 20,270 |
| Bi-weekly . . . | 11,128 | 9,001 |
| Weekly . . . | 1,852 | 1,597 |
| Over a week . . . | 38 | .. |
| TOTAL . . . | † 42,883 | 46,466* |

*The increase in the number of inhabited villages as per 61-Census is attributed to rehabilitation of backward areas.

As regards extension of postal services by opening post offices, 1,617 post offices during the Second Five Year Plan period and 571 post offices during the Third Five Year Plan period upto 28-2-1963 were opened in Orissa, mostly in the rural areas.