15207 Written Answers

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Delhi-Jaipur Trunk call system

4457. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new trunk call system between Delhi and Jaipur has been established to cut time lag under which a subscriber in Delhi can directly dial to a Jaipur subscriber and vice-versa;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) whether any other cities/towns in India are also proposed to be similarly connected and if so, what is the scheme for the year 1961-62?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) No.

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

Dysentery in Madras State

4458. Shri Narasimhan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Governments knowledge that a new type of dysentery i_s taking heavy toll in North Arcot District of Madras State

(b) whether Medical Research Institution maintained by the Centre did or are doing any investigation concerning the diagnosis, treatment etc. of the disease; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No report in regard to the outbreak of such a disease in North Arcot has been received by the Government of India,

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

Road-Tax Coupons in Delhi

4459. Shri C. K. Nair: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in order to get road-tax coupons for automobiles people in Delhi have to stand in queue for hours together and that also for two to three days;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the number of registered automobiles in Delhi has considerably increased during the last three years; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been made for easy payment of road tax and immediate issue of the roadtax coupons.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Under the new system, normally the payment of tax takes only a few minutes. After the tax has been paid, the token is issued within a short time on the same day. During the last 10 days or so of the first month of every quarter it takes a longer time when a large number of persons present applications.

(b) Yes.

(c) Wide publicity is given through the newspapers before the commencement of every quarter, that the motor tax should be paid as early as possible to avoid inconvenience to the owners. The work relating to collection of tax and issue of tokens is started about 10 days before the commencement of the quarter. The payment of tax can be made by the end of the first month of the quarter, which means that owners have 40 days within which payment can be conveniently made. Payment is also accepted on an annual basis. The Transport Department employs 6 additional cashiers, besides 8 regular cashiers, during the peak period, to cope with the work.

Delhj Milk Scheme

4460. Shri Nardeo Snatak: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy rush of card holders registered at the Milk Booth in 'A' Block of Pandara 'E' Type Flats as com-