

टेलीफोन का दूसरा कारखाना स्थापित करने के बारे में इस बीच और क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री भगवती) : प्राविधिक समिति (टैक्निकल कमेटी) ने एक अनन्तिम रिपोर्ट पेश की है और उनकी सिफारिशों के मुताबिक सरकार ने, फ़ास-बार स्विचों के प्रयोग पर आधारित, एक नये स्विचिंग सिस्टम को अपनाने का निश्चय किया है। यह प्रायोजना (प्राजैक्ट) अभी अपनी प्रारम्भिक अवस्था में है और इसके प्राविधिक और वित्तीय व्यौरों को पूरी तरह तैयार करने में कुछ और समय लग जायेगा।

Development of Eastern Distts. of U.P.

*593. **Shri Vishram Prasad:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a special agricultural programme for the development of Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). Government of India appointed in December, 1962 a Joint Team to study the problems of economic and social development of four Eastern Districts of U.P. namely Ghazipur, Jaunpur, Deoria and Azamgarh. The Team is expected to report on accelerated development programme sometime in September, this year. Besides the normal outlay allotted to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, an additional outlay of Rs. 1 crore each for agriculture and community development programmes has been recommended by the Planning Commission for the year 1963-64 and the State Government has been asked to utilise this additional outlay for strengthening programmes for Eastern Districts of

U.P. particularly Ghazipur, Deoria, Jaunpur and Azamgarh.

North Eastern Railway

*594. { **Shri Ramshekhar Prasad Singh:**
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lowest expenditure has been incurred on the development of North Eastern Railway in comparison to expenditure incurred on other Railways;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in this connection in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 28th February, 1963; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c). The news item referred to is within the knowledge of Government.

The developmental expenditure of the North Eastern Railway is no doubt one of the lowest among the Zonal Railway Systems, but it should be borne in mind that the developmental expenditure during the Five Year Plans is mainly designed to create capacity for the increased freight traffic related to the planned development in the various sectors of our economy and only a small increase of 15 per cent in the passenger traffic. During the Second Plan as also in the current Plan, freight traffic takes priority over passenger traffic. It is, therefore, inevitable that the development of railway capacity has to be planned and executed on the Zones like Eastern and South Eastern wherefrom the bulk of the increased freight traffic originates during the planned development. As the heavy industries are largely concentrated in the steel and coal belts, the share of the North Eastern Railway Zone of the additional burden of freight traffic is necessarily small.