

के जीवन को भी खतरा हो जाता है। गुजरात सरकार ने खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम के अधीन पहले से ही कार्यवाही आरम्भ कर दी है।

Telex Service

*464. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the National Telex Service is working;

(b) the total cost involved for this project; and

(c) the extra receipts anticipated in the revenue of the departments due to the use of the Telex Service?

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) The National Telex Service is working satisfactorily.

(b) About Rs. 22 lakhs for the four auto teleprinter exchanges, one each at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

(c) About Rs. 4,54,000 (approximately 20.6% return).

Steel for Ship Repairing

*465. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supplies of Lloyds Tested Steel for ship repairing are virtually unobtainable in India;

(b) whether as a result ship repairing and ship-building yards are unable to undertake orders, particularly on foreign vessels;

(c) whether such orders are progressively being diverted to non-Indian ports; and

(d) if so, action, if any, being taken by Government to save the industry from extinction?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Though

there is shortage of tested steel the work of ship repairs continues.

(c) and (d). No Sir. Most of the Ship-repair jobs are being handled in India. During the years 1960 to 1962, only six Indian and foreign ships had to be diverted to foreign ports for repairs due to non-availability of requisite material.

Production of Wool

*466. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any decline in the production of wool during the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Steps taken for increasing wool production are indicated in the Statement placed on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1627/63].

Micro-Wave Tele-Communication System.

*467. { **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made up-to-date in installing the micro-wave tele-communication system in Assam; and

(b) whether the work for installation has been started?

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) Detailed engineering planning for the project has been completed. Tenders for the supply of equipment required for the