

Bhusaval-Delhi Passenger train entered the Down Goods Loop Line at Harda station and collided with some wagons already standing on the same line.

(b) An enquiry into the accident commenced on 1st May, 1954. *Prima facie* the accident was caused by failure to set correctly the points for the reception of the passenger train.

#### TRAINING IN TELEPHONE OPERATION

\*2367. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who received training in telephone operation in 1953; and

(b) how many of them were absorbed in service?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) The total number of candidates who were given training in telephone operation during 1953 was 909.

(b) Out of these, 897 were absorbed in service as telephone operators during 1953.

#### SINGARENI COLLIERIES

\*2368. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) how many quarters have been constructed by the management of Singareni Collieries Company from the grant of Rupees Five Lakhs given by Government in September, 1953;

(b) whether any conditions were stipulated by Government and if so, what; and

(c) whether Government propose to expedite the construction work in view of the fact that many workers live in huts?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) None.

(b) A statement showing the conditions stipulated is laid on the Table

of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 54]

(c) Yes. The Company is being asked to expedite the construction.

#### दिल्ली में टेलीफोन के कनेक्शन

४९८. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५३ में दिल्ली और नई दिल्ली में टेलीफोन के कितने नये कनेक्शन दिए गए और किस आधार पर?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 55.]

#### ट्रैक्टरों से खेती

४९९. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर:** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) एक ट्रैक्टर औसतन कितनी भूमि की जुताई करने के बाद बेकार घोषित किया जाता है; और

(ख) प्रति एकड़ जुताई की लागत कितनी होती है ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) On an average, a 30 horse-power cultivation tractor if put on ploughing work only, can plough about 10,000 acres on sandy loam soil before being declared unfit for further use. As however, a tractor is hardly ever used exclusively for ploughing and is widely used for other farm operations, transport purposes, etc., the above figure is not generally reached in practice by an average farmer having only one or two tractors. The acreage mentioned above is only an average, and the output actually is a varying factor depending on the implements used, speed of operation, condition of the soil, etc. Similarly, the