

ration as was shown in the case of flood relief may be shown in these cases also.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: In reply to part (b) of the question, the hon. Minister said "No". May I know the names of the South Bihar districts where drought has occurred and what is the percentage of transplanted paddy which has dried up, and whether the Government of Bihar or the Central Government are proposing to remit rent and water rates of the fields where crops have dried up?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as the quantum or nature of relief is concerned, it is the business of the State Government. We are concerned with giving the necessary "ways and means" advance or 50 per cent. of the gratuitous relief which the State Government will give. So far as the situation in the South Bihar districts is concerned, I have got the list district-wise, but I do not think it will be possible for me to refer to all of them unless you permit me to do so.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Which are the districts that are affected in Orissa and what is the estimated money value of the crops lost? How much relief will the Central Government give?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid in this case I have not got the list of districts, but the total loss, as I have already stated, is Rs. 30 crores.

INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

*810. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of production of telephones and automatic exchange lines for 1954-55 in the Indian Telephone Industries Limited are likely to be achieved within the time prescribed; and

(b) whether the possibilities of foreign markets for products of this factory have been explored?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Efforts are being made in this direction.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Did the Managing Director of the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd. visit any of the foreign countries, particularly the Far East, to find out foreign markets for our products during 1954?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have been trying to explore the possibilities of finding out foreign markets through our embassies in Indonesia and Ceylon, and for Burma we have sent an officer who is trying to do likewise.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Out of Rs. 85 lakhs proposed for capital works during 1954-55, how much has actually been spent during this year?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It will not be possible to give the answer offhand.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: May I know how many parts are still being imported?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as the question of the telephone instrument is concerned, there are only one or two parts that are not manufactured in this country, and the rest of the parts are being manufactured in India. As regards telephone exchange equipment, we are manufacturing 15 to 20 per cent. of the parts and this will go up in the next one or two years to come to 50 per cent.—there will be a progressive increase from year to year.

REQUIREMENTS OF INSECTICIDES

*811. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual requirements for Government use of (i) Insecticides (ii) Fungicides and (iii) Weedicides; and

(b) what percentage of such requirements are met by Indian manufacture at present?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The estimated annual requirements of pesticides for