

(b) whether it is a fact that small traders have been eliminated by this process; and

(c) whether any memorandum from trade and particularly from Saurashtra traders has been received in this connection and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The main reason for raising the minimum limit for sale of imported sugar to 600 bags was to reduce the administrative burden. The position has since changed and there has been considerable fall in offtake. The minimum limit for sale of sugar has, therefore, again been lowered to 200 bags since 4th April, 1955.

(b) Does not arise now.

(c) Yes. The minimum limit for sale of sugar has since been lowered to 200 bags.

Dr. J. N. Parekh: May I know if the sugar supplied is on godown delivery or F.O.R. destination delivery basis?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: In the beginning, we had the F.O.R. destination basis, but that did not work satisfactorily. I think it is now on godown basis.

Dr. J. N. Parekh: May I know the reasons for the change?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Obviously, the reasons were that the first system did not work very satisfactorily.

TRAINING IN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY

*2045. **Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians sent abroad for training in Telephone industries so far;

(b) the expenditure incurred on them; and

(c) the names of the countries to which they were deputed for the training?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) 5.

(b) Rs. 24,618/-/-.

(c) United Kingdom.

Shri N. Rachiah: May I know the names of the States from which these candidates are sent abroad?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: These are not sent from the States. They either belong to the Bangalore Factory or the Posts and Telegraphs Department.

Shri N. Rachiah: May I know the period for which these trainees were trained?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: They are for varying periods. The period varies from 6 months to 15 months.

NEW RAILWAY LINE

*2047. **Shri Niranjan Jena:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa for the construction of a railway line from Kendrapara Road to Bhadrak in the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Niranjan Jena: May I know whether any representation has been received by the Railway Ministry from the people of Orissa in this matter? If so, what action has been taken on it?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: None has been received from the Government of Orissa.

SUPPLY OF RICE TO ORISSA

*2048. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a con-