

## ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAYS

**\*875. Shri Telkikar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps for the electrification of railways in India in near future;

(b) the mileage to be covered (electrified) in the first year of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(c) the quantity of the coking coal to be saved by the electrification?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electrification in no. new section is expected to be opened in 1956-57.

(c) Does not arise.

## CO-OPERATIVE FARMING

**\*879. Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 599 on 9th March, 1956 and state:

(a) the increase in production during 1955-56 as a result of co-operative farming;

(b) the total areas under co-operative farming during that period;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for the Second Five Year Plan for co-operative farming; and

(d) if so, the acreage thereof?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Separate assessment of increased production on account of Co-operative farming has not been made.

(b) About 1,82,000 acres.

(c) Not yet.

(d) Does not arise.

## TELEPRINTER

**\*883. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of business houses to which teleprinter facilities have been given during 1955-56;

(b) the number of new transmission circuits established for press agencies; and

(c) the amount of money spent on these?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 18.

(b) Total number of circuits leased out to Press and News agencies upto date is 111.

(c) It is not possible to give the cost of erection of the circuits. Generally the Government do not erect circuits for the parties. The Department only supply them spare channels, which are already built up. The demands from Government offices as well as from the Public are, however, kept in view in laying out new Voice Frequency Telegraphs systems. New construction is only taken up when absolutely essential or when only a portion of the line has to be erected.

## GUDUR-RENIGUNTA LINE

**\*884. Shri Lakshmayya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how far the metre gauge line from Gudur to Renigunta has been converted into broad gauge;

(b) the amount spent so far;

(c) what is the estimated expenditure; and

(d) when it will be completed?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) 35% overall progress has so far been made.

(b) About Rs. 66 lakhs.

(c) It is estimated to cost about Rs 216.5 lakhs.

(d) It is expected to be completed in January 1957.

## ALL INDIA INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL

**\*886. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to