

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Not yet; the proposal had subsequently to be revised to provide for telephone facilities also.

(b) 2.

OILSEEDS

***281. Shri Tulsidas:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1108 on the 21st December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the Oilseeds Crushing Industry Committee has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendations?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

MEAT PRODUCTION

***282. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :
Shri Wodeyar :**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any report from the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection regarding meat production and marketing in the country; and

(b) whether a copy of the Report would be laid on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) Printed copies of the Report have already been placed in the library of the Lok Sabha, for use of the hon. Members.

TELE-COMMUNICATION RESEARCH CENTRE

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

(a) whether the Tele-communication Research Centre has started functioning; and

(b) if so, the nature of research work to be done there?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes.

(b) As the centres has opened only about a month ago, so far, only preliminary work, such as indenting equipment and determining the priority of problems to be tackled, has been undertaken.

TRAIN ACCIDENT

***284. { Shri U. M. Trivedi :
Shri D. C. Sharma :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the causes of a head-on collision between two trains at Fatehabad-Chandrawatiganj; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) An enquiry was held by the Government Inspector of Railways, Bombay, into the head-on collision between 448 Down Fast Passenger and 435 Up Passenger trains which occurred at Fatehabad-Chandrawatiganj station on 2-1-56 at about 18.33 hours.

(b) The Government Inspector's provisional finding is that the collision was due to the incorrect setting of the facing points for the reception of No. 435 Up *i.e.* for the same line on which No. 448 Down was already standing.

OIL PROSPECTING MACHINES

***297. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have purchased oil prospecting machineries which were on show at the U.S.S.R. Pavilion of the Indian Industries Fair, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, their nature and purpose?