

(b) 103.

(c) 35.

(d) 21.

TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES IN ORISSA

*2713. **Shri Sanganna** : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Telegraphic arrangements in Orissa State for the present are inadequate and far below the public demand ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to it ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) and (b). During the last eight years, the number of telegraph offices has been increased from 86 to 170, an increase of 100%. Proposals have already been sanctioned for 125 more offices.

AUSTRALIAN EXPERTS' REPORT ON IRRIGATION PROBLEMS

*2714. { **Shri Gidwani** :
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :

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

(a) Whether Shri J. G. Beale, an Irrigation Expert of Australia, has communicated his views regarding the Irrigation problems to Governments ;

(b) the suggestions made by him ; and

(c) whether Government have considered them ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Shri J. G. Beale gave a general survey of the irrigation system adopted in Australia for irrigating pasture lands.

(b) He explained that in Australia available water resources are conserved by (i) a system of collecting rain water etc. by constructing a series of bunds and tanks in the catchment areas; (ii) use of a compound available in pellet form to raise a film over the surface of water to minimise loss

by evaporation; (iii) by use of a plastic sheeting which is embedded 6 inches below the bottom of a tank to reduce loss by seepage; and (iv) by adopting sprinkler type of irrigation.

(c) They are under consideration.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*2715. **Shri R. P. Garg** : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vacancies notified to the Employment Exchanges by the public and private sectors separately during the year 1955; and

(b) the number of placements offered to displaced persons during the same year ?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) : (a) and (b). The required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XV, annexure No. 15].

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*२७१६. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह** : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि जालन्धर में रेलवे को बोखा देकर ५० लाख रुपये पैदा करने वाला १६ आदिमियों का एक गिरोह पकड़ा गया है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जी नहीं ।

DELHI IMPROVEMENT TRUST

*2717. **Shri A. K. Gopalan** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether any powers have been delegated or vested with Delhi State Government to deal with the Delhi Improvement Trust ;

(b) if so, the nature thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that irregular practices have been alleged or found in the working of the Delhi Improvement Trust ;

(d) if so, the nature thereof ; and

(e) the action taken thereon ?