

## TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

329. Shri H. G. Valisnaar: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of new Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges opened in Hyderabad State together with their locations in the years 1951 and 1952?

(b) Are these offices self-supporting and if not, what was the total extra amount of expenditure that was incurred by Government in these years?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 29.]

(b) All are self-supporting.

## TUBE-WELLS

330. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of sinking and completing a tube-well including the cost of pumping installation for tube-wells proposed to be constructed under the Indo-U.S. Agreement; and

(b) what items can be of indigenous manufacture and what is the cost of each item?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The estimated cost of sinking a standard tubewell of 200 ft depth under the Indo-U.S. Agreement, including the cost of pumping installation and the supply of transformer costing about Rs. 1,600 is Rs. 29,000. The actual cost will, however, depend on the depth of the tubewell.

(b) Pumping set and distribution transformers can be of indigenous manufacture. The estimated costs of these two items of indigenous manufacture are Rs. 5,700 and Rs. 2,000 respectively.

## DEATH RATE

331. Shri E. Iyyank: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the annual death rate per 1,000 of population in India; and

(b) whether it is high or low when compared with the other countries?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumar Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 30.]

It will be seen therefrom that death rate in India is higher as compared to the death rate in the U.S.A., the U.K. 297 PSD.

and Ceylon. However, there has been a gradual fall in the death rate in India during the last two decades, the period 1941-1950 showing a sharp fall in the rates.

## POST OFFICES (SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS)

332. Shri Sanganna: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of Post Offices having Savings Bank transactions in the State of Orissa?

(b) Is there any proposal to open Savings Bank transactions in Post Offices having no such facilities before and if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The number of Post Offices doing Savings Bank work in the State of Orissa is: 5 Head Offices, 139 Sub Offices and 112 Branch Offices.

(b) Yes. The question of authorising 32 Branch Offices to transact Savings Bank business for which requests have been received is under consideration.

Savings Bank facilities will be extended to these Post Offices when necessary enquiries are completed and when suitable officials to do Savings Bank work become available.

## B. C. G. CENTRES

333. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of B.C.G. centres in South India with the names of places where they are working;

(b) the number of persons on an average per month who get themselves treated in these centres; and

(c) the number of cases reported to have been benefited?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumar Amrit Kaur): (a) B.C.G. vaccination programme is being carried out in the following States of South India:—

Name of State	Name of Districts where the campaign was in progress during October, 1952.
1. Madras	Madras.
2. Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Madak, Bidar, Parbhani, Nanded, Karimnagar.
3. Mysore	Mysore, Bangalore, Chitdrug.
4. Travancore-Cochin.	Trichur, Trivandrum.

(b) and (c). B.C.G. Vaccination is not a treatment but a preventive in-