

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways
(**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy**): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wagon Breaking Cases on Railways

2277. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently wagon breaking cases on the Indian Railways are increasing alarmingly;

(b) if so, its effect on the claims for compensation against railways;

(c) the steps Government are taking or propose to take to check the prevailing evil; and

(d) the role played by Railway employees in these cases?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The following preventive measures already exist on Railways:

- (i) vulnerable sections are pinpointed with a view to keeping a special eye thereon;
- (ii) Goods trains are escorted in the vulnerable areas;
- (iii) Foot patrolling by armed men is arranged in the affected areas;
- (iv) Close liaison is maintained with the G.R.P. and the Distt. Police at all levels;
- (v) desperate and violent criminals are even fired at to protect Railway property and person;
- (vi) basic security measures have been provided in the yards;
- (vii) wagons containing valuable commodities are invariably E. P. locked;
- (viii) Railways staff who are mainly concerned with the protec-

tion of property incharge of the Railways are doing their best to prevent crime. Any dereliction or negligence of duty or complicity with criminals on their part is dealt with seriously.

Research-cum-Testing Centres for Agricultural implements

2278. { **Shri Himmatsinhji**
 { **Shrimati Gayatri Devi**:

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

(a) whether Government have set up Research-cum-Testing Centres in improved Agricultural Implements; and

(b) if so, where and at what cost?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Research, Testing and Training Centres in Improved Agricultural Implements have so far been established at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and in Coimbatore (Madras), Burdwan (West Bengal), Jhotwada (Rajasthan), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Simla (Himachal Pradesh). Approval of the Government of India has also been conveyed for the establishment of similar centres in all other States except in Jammu and Kashmir. The State Governments concerned are taking steps to establish these Centres.

2. A provision of Rs. 1.00 crore has been made in the Third Five Year Plan for this purpose.

Central Institute of Pedology & Soil Mechanics

2279. { **Shri Himmatsinhji**
 { **Shrimati Gayatri Devi**:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Institute of Pedology and Soil Mechanics; and

(b) if so, which site has been selected for it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A scheme for the establishment of a Central Institute of Pedology & Soil Mechanics has been included in the Third Five Year Plan. Its location has not yet been decided.

Fellowship For Post-Matric Studies in Agriculture

2280. { **Shri Himmatsinhji:**
Shrimati Gayatri Devi:

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

(a) whether Government propose to award fellowship for post-matric Studies in agriculture instead of post-graduate studies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A proposal for award of scholarships for post-matric studies in Agriculture is under consideration of Government. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

Agricultural Instructional Films

2281. { **Shri Himmatsinhji:**
Shrimati Gayatri Devi:

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

(a) how many Agricultural Instructional Films have been produced in the country so far during the past three years; and

(b) what is the phased programme for producing such films during the current Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Eleven agricultural instructional films have been produced on behalf of the Indian

Council of Agricultural Research during the past three years.

(b) About 40 films during the Third Five Year Plan period at the rate of 6—8 films per year.

Rural Electrification in Orissa

2282. **Shri Mallick:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given or proposed to be given to Orissa Government for Rural Electrification during the Third Plan period; and

(b) the number of towns and villages electrified in the State during the Second Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) A sum of Rs. 150 lakhs has been earmarked for loan assistance to the Government of Orissa for rural electrification during the Third Plan period.

(b) 86.

Irrigation in Orissa

2283. { **Shri Mallick:**
Shri Ulaka:

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

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have submitted a scheme for light irrigation especially in drought and flood affected areas to take up during the Third Plan period; and

(b) the amount provided for such schemes during the Third Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). No scheme for Light Irrigation in drought and flood affected areas for implementation during the Third Plan period has been received from the Government of Orissa so far and the question of making financial provision in the Plan does not, therefore, arise.