

Telephone Line

98. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) why the telephone line between Bhawanipatna and Balangir is not properly audible;

(b) for how many days it was out of order during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(c) what amount was spent for the improvement of the line during these years?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) The transmission quality of the lines between Bhawani-Patna and Balangir is reported to be good.

(b) The circuit was interrupted on 29 days each in 1960-61 and 1961-62.

(c) During 1960-61, maintenance expenditure was Rs. 542 and during 1961-62, it was Rs. 692.

Building For G.P.O., Bhawanipatna

99. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the General Post Office building at Bhawanipatna, District Kalahandi in Orissa has been taken up; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) The possession of the land was taken only in November, 1961. The preliminary drawings will be prepared soon after which the matter will be processed further.

Public Call Office at Bettath Puthiyangadi

100. **Shri Koya:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to open

a Public Call Office at Bettath Puthiyangadi in Kozhikode District; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take on the representation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagvati): (a) No.

(b) Action is being taken to provide a Public Call Office.

Building for Head Post Office, Calicut

101. **Shri Koya:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of the building for Head Post Office at Calicut; and

(b) when Government expect to complete the work?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) The construction work has just commenced. It is in the foundation stage.

(b) The work is likely to be completed in May, 1963.

National Highways

102. **Shrimati Laxmi Bai:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the year-wise expenditure incurred on the repairs and maintenance of the following National Highways during 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62.

(i) Hyderabad to Bombay,

(ii) Hyderabad to Sholapur, and

(iii) Hyderabad to Madras and Bangalore?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (i), (ii) & (iii) The information is being collected from the State Governments concerned and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.