

"plantations of fast growing species". For 1962-63 an allotment of Rs. 4,20,700 has been administratively approved.

(b) During 1961-62, seventeen nurseries were raised. No plantations were undertaken. During 1962-63, the State Government propose to raise plantations over an area of 2,200 acres at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,6,700.

Freight realised from Goods booked at Bhadrak Station

178. Shri G. Mohanty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount of freight on goods realised at Bhadrak station (S.E. Rly.) in Orissa during the half-years between January—June, in 1960, 1961 and 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): The amount of freight on goods realised at Bhadrak station during the half years (January—June) in 1960, 1961 and 1962 is furnished below:—

	Rs.
January to June 1960.	9,92,089
January to June 1961.	9,07,773.
January to June 1962.	8,97,812.

Confirmation of Postmen

179. Shri G. Mohanty: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postmen in Orissa appointed 20 years back, those appointed 15 years back and those appointed 10 years back and not confirmed yet; and

(b) the reasons for keeping them in temporary service for such a long time?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri B. Bhagavati): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

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Rural Electrification

180. Shri Kashi Ram Gupta: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of equipment required for achieving the target of rural electrification fixed for the Third Plan period;

(b) how much of the equipment is to be imported and whether foreign exchange for the same has been made available;

(c) equipment of what value will be made available within the country and of what type;

(d) whether any part of the equipment to be imported has been already received; if so, the value of this imported equipment; and

(e) what are the main items of the equipment to be imported and the countries from where the same will be purchased or have been purchased?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (e): Information is being collected from the State Governments, including Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

New Disease in North Kanara

181. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to reports appearing in the Press as also in the Sunday Statesman, New Delhi, dated the 8th July, 1962, to the effect that a dreadful disease, yet to be identified and so far regarded as a mystery disease but believed to be caused by manganese fume poisoning has spread widely in a part of North Kanara; and

(b) whether Government propose to conduct any field study for observing the causes and effects of this disease and for recommending its possible cures?