

(Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). There were only two 'No-dak' villages in U.P. at the commencement of the Second Five Year Plan. These have since been eliminated. During the Third Plan period improvements have been made in the frequency of delivery service. The number of villages served daily has increased from 35,067 on 1st April, 1961 to 41,615 on 1st March, 1963.

2. As regards extension of postal services by opening post offices, 2,327 post offices during the Second Five Year Plan period and 1,016 post offices during the Third Five Year Plan period upto 28th February, 1963 were opened in U.P., mostly in the rural areas.

Telephones in U.P.

1520. { Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri J. B. Singh:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state the names of the towns in U.P. where telephone system is going to be introduced in the Third Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): A statement showing the names of the towns where telephone facilities (Telephone Exchanges and P.C.Os.) have been sanctioned and are likely to be provided during Third Plan is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-1078/63]. In addition 60 exchanges and 110 PCOs are expected to be opened during Third Plan, if they are found to be remunerative.

Assistance to U.P. for Irrigation

1521. { Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri J. B. Singh:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the amount of grants given to U.P. Government for irrigation purposes under the grow more food campaign during 1962-63?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Under the revised procedure for rendering financial assistance to State Governments, introduced from the year 1958-59, Central assistance admissible to various State Governments is sanctioned in bulk for schemes under the head "Agricultural Production" which includes Minor Irrigation and Land Development. As such, it is not possible to indicate the amount of Central assistance given to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for their Minor Irrigation Schemes during 1962-63. Information with regard to grant and loan sanctioned to the Government of U.P. during 1962-63 for their Agricultural Production Schemes, including Minor Irrigation and Land Development, is, however, given below:

Year:	Grant	Loan
1962-63	Rs. 163.47 lakhs	Rs. 753.96 lakhs

Development of Agriculture in U.P.

1522. { Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri J. B. Singh:

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

(a) the amount allotted to U.P. for the development of agriculture during the first two years of the Third Plan period;

(b) whether this has been fully spent; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Wagons for Orissa

1523. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons required annually by the State of Orissa for