

(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

exporting and importing rice and paddy;

(b) whether the required number is being supplied; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The requirement of Orissa State for exporting and importing rice and paddy annually varies from year to year according to the needs and availability of stock in the State. During the years 1961 and 1962, 19,629 and 15,359 wagons of rice and paddy respectively were moved out of Orissa State and 6 and 270 wagons of rice and paddy respectively were brought to Orissa State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

अरहपुर और निहालगढ़ के बीच हाल्ट स्टेशन:

१५२४ श्री रणजय सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें उत्तर रेलवे की जौनपुर-मुल्तानपुर-लखनऊ लाइन पर अरहपुर तथा निहालगढ़ स्टेशनों के बीच वारिसगंज में स्टेशन बनाने अथवा हाल्ट का प्रबन्ध करने के सम्बन्ध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उस पर क्या निर्णय किया है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जे० वे० रामस्वामी) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) इस प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया गया था, लेकिन पर्याप्त औचित्य न होने के कारण उसे स्वीकार नहीं किया जा सका ।

Collision of Goods Train

1525. { Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tractor collided with a goods train on the 16th March, 1963 at a level crossing near Robertsganj Railway Station of the Allahabad Division; and

(b) if so, the details of the accident?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) At about 06.00 hours while UP Material Train No. 7 was passing through level crossing gate between Robertsganj and Khairahi stations, a tractor with its trailer loaded entered the level crossing gate from the east side and collided with the brakevan which was the leading vehicle. As a result, the tractor got entangled with the brakevan and was dragged for a distance of about 92.5 feet. The brakevan was derailed of all the wheels.

Canning and Food Preservation Centre

1526. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a Community Canning and Food Preservation Centre in the Capital;

(b) if so, the utility of the scheme for the general public; and

(c) the cost of setting up the centre?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) A Demonstration-Community Canning and Preservation Centre was formally inaugurated at Flat No. 183 (D-II type), Kidwai Nagar (West) on the 23rd March, 1963.

(b) This endeavour is the beginning of an attempt to encourage preservation of fruits and vegetables for home