(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न ही नहीं होता ।

(ग) राज्यों के कृषि विभागों का विस्तार स्टाफ सामान्य रूप से ग्रीर कम्पोस्ट इन्सपेक्टर विशेष रूप से ग्रपेक्षित प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त फार्म नेताओं के गहरे सहयोग से हरी खाद तथा कम्पोस्ट के प्रयोग का प्रचार करते हैं । इन कार्यकत्तात्रों को अपेक्षित तकनीकी सहायता देने के लिये. राज्यों के कृषि विभागों तथा केन्द्र विस्तार निदेशालय तथा भारतीय कृषि स्रनसन्धान संस्थान द्वारा परिचय पत्र, पुस्तिकायें, पोस्टर ग्रीर पत्रिकायें ग्रादि प्रकाशित किये जाते हैं। कम्पोस्ट बनाने तथा हरी खाद देने के विभिन्न पहल श्रों पर रेडियो भाषण तथा चलचित्रों का भी स्रायोजन किया जाता है। स्रधिकतर राज्यों/संघ क्षेत्रों में विशेष स्रभियानों का श्रायोजन किया जाता है। राज्यों/संघ क्षेत्रों में कम्पोस्ट इन्स्पेक्टर किसानों को कम्पोस्ट तैयार करने की तकनीकों तथा हरी खाद देने के कार्य में तेजी लाने की दिशा में व्या-वहारिक प्रशिक्षण देते हैं । राज्य सकारें/संघ क्षेत्र प्रशासन उपरोक्त कार्यक्रमों के ग्रन्तर्गत ग्रच्छा काम करने वाली स्थानीय निकायों को पुरस्कार तथा शील्ड देती हैं।

Railway Concession for Courtallam

1126. Shri M. P. Swamy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has turned down the proposal sent by the Madras Government for the issue of seasonal concession return tickets to Courtaliam (a health resort and tourist centre near Tenkasi Railway station) as are issued to Hill Stations; and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Concessional return tickets have been issued only to certain hill

stations and such concessional return tickets are not issued to other stations serving places of tourist importance, health resorts etc.

Post Office, Bhama (M.P.)

- 1127 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to close the branch post office at Bhama, Tahsil Gadarwara, Narsinghpur District, Madhya Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether representations have been received protesting against such closure and requesting that the status quo be maintained; and
- (d) if so, what action has been taken on these representations?

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

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d). Two representations have been received, one from the residents of Bhama Village and the other from the hon'ble Member himself. The residents have been informed that the post office will not be closed. They have however, been requested to make full use of the Post Office with a view to improving its income to qualify for permanency.

Sambalpur-Titlagarh Rly. Line

- 1128. Shri Mahananda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
- (a) the acreage of land acquired by Government for the Railway under construction from Sambalpur to Titlagarh through Bolangir in the State of Orissa;
- (b) the number of cultivators compensated so far for their acquired land; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of them have not been compensated

by Government yet and if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) 4450 acres

- (b) Information is not readily available and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) Out of the total compensation to be paid of about Rs. 30.5 lacs, the State Government have demanded so far only about Rs. 25 lacs, which have been placed at their disposal and out of which about Rs. 23.5 lacs have already been disbursed by them. Balance amount will be placed at their disposal as and when demanded by the State Government.

Development of Jute in Orissa

- 1129. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any financial assistance was given to Orissa during 1962-63 for development of Jute;
- (b) the production of jute during the same period in Orissa; and
- . (c) the amount spent out of the Central assistance given to the State during the same period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (c). No earmarked grants were made to Orissa Government for the development of jute as such. It is possible that the Orissa Government would have incurred expenditure on jute development from out of the bulk development grants made for the State development schemes. Information as to these amounts has been called for and will be placed on the table of the Sabha, when received from the State Government.

(b) 2,93 lakh bales.

Telephones for Panchayat Samithis Offices

1130. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications

- be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1121 on the 20th August, 1962 and state:
- (a) whether Government have received any proposal from Orissa Government to provide telephones to Panchayat Samithis Offices in Orissa during the last eight months; and
- (b) if so, how many Panchayat Samithis Offices have been provided with telephones out of the 164 Panchayat Samithis which were not provided with telephones till August, 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). No further proposals have been received. There is no change in the policy. One of the 16 sanctioned Panchayar Samithis mentioned in the earlier reply has since been provided with telephone.

Rly. Colony at Rayagada

1131. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1533 on the 24th August, 1962 and state the progress made so far in the matter of electrification of Railway Colonies at Rayagada (Orissa)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Street lighting has already been provided. Contract for wiring of quarters has been awarded and the work is expected to be completed by August 1963.

Crossing Stations

1132. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new crossing stations proposed to be taken up and completed on the (i) Howrah-Puri (ii) Puri-Madras and (iii) Visakhapatnam-Raipur B.G. lines during the Third Five ear Plan period; and
- (b) the amount allocated for each of such new crossing stations?