

which will also be the first stage of the dredging programme are under active consideration.

**Non-payment of Wages in Bikaner Division**

**1310. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases year-wise of non-payment of wages brought to the notice of the railway authorities (Bikaner Division) during the past three years;

(b) the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of cases year-wise of irregularities brought to the notice of the railway authorities (Bikaner Division) by the Central Labour Relations Machinery for the past three years;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) the number of pending cases both under parts (a) and (b) above and the reasons for their non-disposal so far?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**New P. & T. Offices**

**1311. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs please to state the places where Post and Telegraph Offices are proposed to be opened in the Districts of Bikaner, Churu and Ganganagar during 1963-64 and 1964-65?

**The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri A. K. Sen):** A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1628/63].

**Development of Forests in Orissa**

**1312. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance was given in 1962-63 or is proposed to be given in 1963-64 to the Government of Orissa for the development of forests in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Amount of central assistance sanctioned during 1962-63 and provided for 1963-64 is given as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State Schemes*		Centrally sponsored forestry scheme.	
	Loan	Grant	Loan	Grant
1	2	3	4	5
1962-63 . . . . .	12.50	3.03	..	1.50
1963-64 . . . . .	21.90	4.30	..	5.00

\* Figures in columns 2 and 3 relate to forestry as well as soilconservation schemes as central assistance is provided for both purposes, together.

**Railway Accidents**

**1313. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway accidents in which goods trains or shunt-

ing goods wagons were involved during the last one year in South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) the steps being taken to avoid all such accidents in future?