Closure of Sugar Factories 1695. { Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of cooperative sugar factories which closed down because of nonavailability of sugarcane and for other financial reasons during 1961-62?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): No cooperative sugar factory is reported to have closed down during the year 1961-62 because of non-availability of sugarcane and for financial reasons.

Public Telephones Call Offices in U.P.

1696. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of new lines and wire materials, public telephone call offices could not be installed in many places in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) The principal items in short supply are steel poles and galvanised iron wires, the basic reason being nonavailability of the raw material in adequate guantities. Imports of some quantities of sheets and galvanised iron wires have been ordered to meet the deficit. While the shortage of wires are expected to be made good to a large extent within the next few months, the shortage of steel sheets for posts is likely to continue for some more time. Instructions have been issued for using substitutes for steel poles such as wooden ballies, rails, cement concrete posts which will go to meet part of the demand.

ट्ंक काल

१६९७. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्रो : क्या डाक तथा तार मंत्री यह बताने की रूपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों में मंत्रियों, राज्य मंत्रियों, उप-मंत्रियों ग्रौर सभा-सचिवों ने पृथक-पृथक ग्रपने घर ग्रौर कार्यालय के टेलीफोनों से कितने टुंककाल किये ;

(ख) इन पर कुल मिलाकर कितना धन (वर्षवार) व्यय हम्रा ;

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में बचत के लिये कुछ निर्देश दिये गये हैं;ौर

(घ) इन दो वर्गे में जे घर्ककालों पर व्यय हुग्रा उसमें निजी कालों के लिये उपरोक्त में से प्रत्येक व्यक्ति ने कितना-किज्जना घन दिया ?

डाइ ग्रौर तार विभाग में उपमन्त्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) से (घ). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है ग्रौर उसे यथासमय लोक-सभा के पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

Railway Line to Haldia Port

1698. Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alignment for Railway line to Haldia Port in West Bengal has been finalised;

(b) if so, the acreage of land that will be acquired for the Railway line and associated works;

(c) the number of stations that are proposed to be opened in this line from Haldia to Kharagpur; and

(d) whether the line will be electrified?

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