

**Telephone and Telegraph Connections**

2851. **Shri Liladhar Kotoki:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) how many police stations and block headquarters in Assam are still to be connected by public telephone call offices and/or telegraph connections; and

(b) the steps being taken to install these connections?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Police Stations in Assam P and T Circle.

31 without T.Os.

48 without P.C.Os.

**Block Headquarters in Assam Circle.**

109 without T.Os.

128 without P.C.Os.

(b) Decision to provide telegraph facilities at Block Headquarters and Police Stations has been taken only recently. Details regarding cost of each work and material required are being worked out. No concession is however, given for providing telephone facilities at such stations.

a) Yes, Rs. 9,400/- approximately.

b) Damage to Railway Quarters at Tatanagar  
Damage to Asstt. Engineer's office at Bondamunda  
Theft of railway materials by mob at Rajkharwan

TOTAL

Rs. 5,550/- Approx.

Rs. 3,500/- "

Rs. 500/- "

Rs. 9,400/- "

**Procurement of Rice and Paddy**

2854. **Shri Mohan Nayak:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and paddy procured by the Government of Orissa during 1963-64; and

(b) how much of it the Government of Orissa delivered to the Central Government?

**India—Lebanon Air Talks**

2852. { **Shri D. D. Mantri:**  
**Shri M. Rampure:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister Transport be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that discussions were held between the representatives of the Governments of India and Lebanon on air transport in April, 1964; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present and future operating programmes of the respective air lines of the two countries were discussed and mutually satisfactory arrangements were agreed to.

**Damage to Railway Property**

2853. **Shri H. C. Soy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by now regarding the damages caused to railway property on the S.E. Railway during the recent communal riots; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):**

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) During the 1963-64 season (November to October), the Government of Orissa had procured about 29.6 thousand tonnes of rice and 6.3 thousand tonnes of paddy up to April 14, 1964.

(b) No portion of the procured stocks has been delivered to the Central Government.