

exploratory drilling at about 90 sites under the Ground Water Exploration Project, in Rajasthan during the Third Plan period.

(b) Up to the end of January, 1964, drilling at 66 sites has been completed.

Railway Zones

- *25. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Maniyangadan:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. J. Naik:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to create new railway zones to suit operational needs; and

(b) when this proposal is likely to be finalised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Organisational and administrative changes to suit the operational needs of Railways is a matter which is under constant review of the Ministry of Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Accidents Committee

- *26. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 59 on the 19th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Part II Report of the Railway Accidents Committee has been received;

(b) if so, the findings of the Committee and the recommendations made by it; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement those recommendations?

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

(b) and (c). The Report of the Committee along with a brochure containing the comments of the Railway Board on the Committee's observations and recommendations, except those pertaining to the Railway Inspectorate, has been placed on the Table of the House.

Nationalisation of Rice Mills

- *27. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to nationalise rice mills and other agricultural processing units, and to take steps for facilitating the growth of such mills in the co-operative sector;

(b) if so, the precise nature of the proposal; and

(c) the action so far taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). Though there is no proposal to nationalise rice mills and other agricultural processing units, the State Governments have been advised in December 1962 to assess the position in their States and draw