

of the rural households reported outstanding loans at the end of June, 1962. The outstanding average debt per household in respect of all rural households for the country as a whole as on 30th June, 1962 was Rs. 406. This was 7.58 per cent of the average value of assets (Rs. 5358) per household.

Outstanding debt has to be related to value of assets held, the purposes for which loans were taken, productive or otherwise etc. Increase in debt in absolute terms does not in itself constitute an unhealthy feature provided such loans are utilised for productive purposes and they are available through institutional agencies at reasonable rates of interest. The Co-operative Credit structure with its long-term loans seeks not only to increase productivity but also to enable agriculturists to pay off their prior debts.

#### 'Stop' Signals

20. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri P. R. Chakravertti:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta :  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to erect "stop" signals at all the level crossings in the country;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be finished; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Presumably the Honourable Members are referring to the provision of 'Stop' Boards on road approaches and not 'Stop' Signals on train approaches at unmanned level-crossings and if so, the reply is as under:—

(a) Yes. At all unmanned level-crossings only.

(b) 30th April, 1964.

(c) Approximately Rs. 21 lakhs.

#### Trunk Calls

**21. Shri Vishram Prasad:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trunk calls cancelled on Delhi-Pathankot and Delhi-Calcutta lines after waiting for several hours during the month of December, 1963; and

(b) the loss to the Telephone revenue on that account?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Ineffective calls cancelled due to delays are not classified separately in Trunk Exchanges. Ineffective calls are classified only as cancelled (i) due to subscribers' reasons ('S' category) and (ii) due to Departmental reasons ('D' category). Ineffective calls cancelled due to delays would fall under 'D' category.

The total number of calls booked and the number of calls cancelled on Delhi-Pathankot and Delhi-Calcutta routes in the month of December, 1963, are as follows:

Route	Calls booked	Calls under 'D' Category	
		No. of Calls	%age of booked Calls
DLI-PKT	600	160	26%
DLI-CA	11349	467	4%

(b) The revenue on a call is determined by—

(i) Priority of the call.