

remained suspended from April 3 to 6, 1964;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in this connection the New Delhi Office of a public undertaking was requested to surrender their teleprinter line to Calcutta on April 3, 1964 for only 15 minutes for making some modifications in the Posts & Telegraphs Department Teleprinter Circuits but the work on the latter could not be resumed till 4 days thereafter; and

(c) what was the cause of the break-down and the delay in carrying out the modifications?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) No, the circuits did not remain completely suspended. There were however, intermittent disturbances on some circuits on the Delhi-Calcutta route during this period due to certain faults.

(b) For effecting certain technical modifications required to conform to international standards, some subscribers were asked to stop working for a short period on 3-4-64. This work did not cause any long interruptions. Interruptions to certain circuits were due to causes mentioned in (a) above. It is not correct that they remained closed for 4 days for carrying out the technical modifications.

(c) There was no breakdown nor any delay in carrying out the modifications.

#### Seed Farms

**2582. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount given to Punjab Government for setting up of seed farms during the years 1963-64 and 1964-65 so far?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** Under the revised procedure introduced from 1958-59, the Central financial assistance for the State Plan Schemes is released to the States under the main Heads of

Development and not for individual scheme or group of schemes. As such, it is not possible to indicate the Central assistance released to the Government of Punjab for "Seed Farms" separately. However, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 159.28 lakhs was paid to the State Government during the year 1963-64 under the major Head of Development "Agricultural Production" which includes Seeds Farms.

No Central financial assistance has been released so far to the State Government for State Plan Schemes during the current financial year, 1964-65, and the matter is under consideration of the Government of India.

#### Assistant Station Masters in Delhi And Ferozepur Divisions

**2583.** { **Shri Bade:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavaiya;**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Station Masters in Delhi and Ferozepur Divisions have been placed senior to those who migrated from the various Divisions of the late N.W. Railway now in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the overall seniority lists maintained by the N. Rly. Headquarters Office have been ignored;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any complaints from the adversely affected staff; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Being looked into.