

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Rainfall during the current winter season has so far been normal or in excess of normal in the following States, namely, Sub-Himalayan, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab including Delhi, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan including Ajmer, Madhya Bharat and Bhopal, Vindhya Pradesh, West Madhya Pradesh, Saurashtra and Kutch, Konkan in Bombay State, Mysore and Coorg, Madras, and Travancore-Cochin.

(b) The Rabi crops are expected to be satisfactory this year.

CALCUTTA TELEPHONE DISTRICT

82. Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of the clerical cadres in the Calcutta Telephone District Administrative Office;

(b) how many of them are selection grade posts;

(c) whether there is a rule that the ratio of selection grade posts to the strength of ordinary clerical posts should be one selection grade post for every ten clerks;

(d) the standard for selection to the selection grade posts;

(e) whether any examinations are held for recruitment to these grades; and

(f) the number of graduates amongst the present incumbents of selection grade posts in the above office?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 611.

(b) 31.

(c) No, but as a guiding principle one lower selection grade clerk is generally sanctioned for every ten upper and lower division clerks, excluding leave reserve.

(d) The posts are not filled by selection but on the principle of seniority subject to the rejection of the unfit.

(e) No.

(f) 3.

IRON-ORES

83. Shri Deogam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the quantity of Iron Ores despatched by each mine-owner together with the name of each actual mine-owner from Badampahar and Kuldia stations from January 1953 to 31st March, 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Details of iron ore despatched by each mine-owner together with the name of each actual mine-owner from Badampahar and Kuldia stations from January 1953 to 31st March 1953 are not available. However, information is available in respect of the names of the consignors and despatches of iron ores by them for this period and a statement is attached herewith. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 8.]