(स) उन में से कितने निकाल लिए गए और पनः काम में लाए गए; और

(ग) कितने झभी तक फंसे पडे हैं?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Four.

(b) All the four were refloated, repaired, where necessary, and put into use again.

(c) Does not arise.

KEY VILLAGE SCHEME

100. Shri Ajit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of 'Key Villages' that have been established in the Punjab in connection with the programmes of live-stock improvement?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai) '28.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE

101. Shri Jethalal Joshi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of articles that have been received in the Dead Letter Office as unclaimed in the year 1953-54;

(b) the value of jewellery, currency notes and other valuables that were found enclosed in these articles:

(c) the value of such articles which were sent back to the sender or the addressee; and

(d) the value of unclaimed property auctioned and the amount of money that was credited to the Government treasury?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) 13 Millions.

(b) Rs. 16,26,000.

(c) Rs. 14,65,000.

(d) (i) Rs. 8,311 (Value of unclaimed property auctioned).

(ii) Rs. 7,976 (Amount credited to Government Treasury). The balance represents value of articles still held in deposit in the Dead Letter Offices.

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

102. Shri Krishna Chandra: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for the replacement of Lucknow telephone system by an Automatic Exchange;

(b) the programme for the improvement of Mathura Telephone Exchange and for providing a new Telephone Exchange at Vrindaban in Mathura District; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct a suitable building for the Head Post and Telegraph Office at Mathura?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A project for installing a 4,000 lines automatic telephone exchange at Lucknow to replace the existing 2,060 line manual system has been sanctioned. The equipment is expected in April 1955 and the automatic telephone system is expected to start functioning in the latter half of 1956.

(b) A new telephone exchange of 300 lines capacity is under installation in a new building to replace the existing 200 line exchange at Mathura. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October this year.

At Vrindaban installation of a 20 telephone exchange has been lines sanctioned. The exchange will be opened if sufficient number of subscribers are forthcoming.

(c) Yes.

परिवार आयोजन

१०३. भी विगम्बर सिंह : क्या स्वास्भ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि कितनी संस्थाएं संतेति निरोध के लिए कार्य कर रही हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार से सहायता पा रही हैं ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The Central Government have so far granted financial assistance to 17 such institutions.