

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN ORISSA

623. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges now functioning in Orissa; and

(b) the number of such exchanges to be established during the First Five Year Plan in that State?

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

(b) Nine during the rest of the First Five Year Plan.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

624. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appointments made in different cadres in the Eastern Railway beginning from the 31st March, 1952 to the end of October, 1954;

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste candidates who applied for those posts;

(c) the number among them who were selected for each cadre; and

(d) whether the quota fixed for them was duly filled up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

625. **Shri Bogawat:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ticketless travelling has increased on the Central Railway and that there is no proper checking of tickets in the trains as well as at the stations; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to remedy this state of affairs?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) While the position is that ticketless travelling has not increased on the Central Railway as stated in answer to part (a), the steps taken to combat ticketless travelling have not been relaxed and they are in fact being intensified. They include:—

(i) Spot lighting of bad spots and concentrating on them.

(ii) Special drives by the Travelling Ticket Examiners attached to the Headquarters and Divisions with the assistance of Magistrates and Police staff posted in Uttar Pradesh and Bombay States. The question of introducing a similar scheme in Hyderabad State and Vindhya Pradesh is under examination with the State Governments.

(iii) Posting of one Travelling Ticket Examiner on every two coaches on the Grand Trunk Express train between Delhi and Bezwada as an experimental measure.

(iv) Posting of a few Travelling Ticket Examiners in plain clothes for checking ticketless travel on the Bombay Suburban Section.

(v) Steps to reduce possibilities of trespass on railway premises by providing fences, railings, etc. within the availability of funds at various stations.

टिकट की जांच करने वाले कर्मचारी

६२६. श्री एम० एम० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्वोक्त रेलवे पर टिकट की जांच करने वाले ऐसे कितने कर्मचारी हैं जो कि १९५२-५३, १९५३-५४ और १९५४-५५ (३० नवम्बर १९५४ तक) टिकट की जांच करने के अपने कार्य के कारण वादी अथवा प्रतिवादी के रूप में न्यायालय में चल रहे मुकद्दमों में अन्तर्गत हैं ;