

(c) whether petitions have been made for suspension of certificate proceedings; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the certificate notices for the present as a result thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) There is no general crop failure making it impossible for the cultivators to repay the loans.

(c) Out of 1120 persons against whom loanee certificates were issued only 263 persons have submitted petitions requesting for the suspension of certificate proceedings. Each case is being examined and decision will be taken on merits.

(d) No.

Overcrowding on Trains

974. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many coaches have so far been built in the Integral Coach Factory, Madras ever since its inception; and

(b) how many of them have been put into use in the Nilgiri Cochin and Malabar Expresses to reduce overcrowding?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 213.

(b) Nil.

Transfer of the Office of Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Orissa

975. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Orissa is likely to be shifted to Bhubaneswar due to lack of accommodation at Cuttack;

(b) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government are willing to transfer the required land to Posts and Telegraphs Department free of cost at

Bhubaneswar for the construction of the office buildings and staff quarters;

(c) whether the construction has been started; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). The proposal is under examination. Negotiations with the State Government are in progress regarding the transfer of land. Construction will be taken up, after the scheme is fully examined and sanctioned.

Ranipet Railway Station

976. Shri N. E. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the public and local bodies to bring Ranipet Railway Station in Southern Railway on the main line between Madras-Bangalore by dismantling the line between Walajah Road Junction station and Mukundarayapuram station and connecting Ranipet Station and Munkundarayapuram by a new line, the distance being the same;

(b) whether the proposal involves the elimination of the present shuttle train running between Ranipet and Walajah Road Station;

(c) whether similar demand was made by the State Government; and

(d) whether such a proposal was before the Railway Board from 1930 onwards and the said proposal was examined and found feasible from operational point of view?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) The proposal was examined and was found not justified both from the financial and operational points of view.