

houses in Andhra Pradesh during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the places and the amount allotted to each scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 25.]

Construction of Bridges

406. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road bridges proposed to be constructed on National Highways during the Second Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the names of the places and the amount allotted for each?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A Statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 26.]

Savings Bank Accounts

407. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accounts and total amounts of balances in the Savings Bank Accounts in Post offices at the end of 1956 and at the end of October, 1957; and

(b) how do these figures compare with the figures of previous year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha when available.

Revised Postal Rates

408. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether after the introduction of the revised postal rates on letters, book pattern and sample packets, any examination has been made to find out as to whether there has been an increase or decrease in revenue on this account during the last two months?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No.

Patna Telephone Exchange

409. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the direction of introducing automation in Patna Telephone Exchange; and

(b) how long it would take to finalise the scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 27.]

Milk Schemes

410. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for supply of pure milk and milk products in various States have been sanctioned and financed by Government;

(b) if so, the important features of the schemes sanctioned in different States;

(c) the total cost involved;

(d) the share of the Central Government; and

(e) whether any phased programme has been approved?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a), (c) and (d). A statement is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 28.]

(b) The schemes belong to the following categories:—

(i) Milk supply schemes for supply of milk and milk products to urban centres. Milk procured from rural areas, preferably through producers cooperatives, will be sold after pasteurisation to people in cities.

(ii) Expansion of existing dairy plants to enhance their handling capacity.

(iii) Improvements to existing dairy farms.

(iv) Establishment of farms for keeping milch animals when they go dry and until they refreshen.

(v) Establishment of cattle colony to resettle milch animals to be dislodged from the city stables.

(e) Yes.

Tube-Wells in Punjab

411. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of experimental tube-wells allotted to the State of Punjab so far; and

(b) how many experiments have been conducted up to date and with what result?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 51 exploratory bores have been tentatively allotted to the State of Punjab under the Groundwater Exploration Project.

(b) Eight exploratory bores had been drilled in the Gurgaon and Rohtak districts of Punjab upto 31.10.1957. All the eight bores had to be abandoned as they were found dry.

Supply of Fertilizers to Punjab

412. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of fertilizers supplied by the Central Government to the State of Punjab during 1956-57?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The following quantities of fertilisers were supplied to the Punjab State (inclusive of former State of Pepsu):

	Tons.
(i) Sulphate of Ammonia ..	28,518
(ii) Urea ..	122
(iii) Ammonium sulphate Nitrate ..	182
(iv) Muriate of Potash ..	38

Food Production

413. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the estimated target of food production during 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The target of additional production of foodgrains during 1957-58 has been fixed at 2.84 million tons, i.e. 2.18 million tons from Grow More Food schemes and 0.68 million tons from other food production schemes such as Major and Medium irrigation schemes in N.E.S. areas, etc.