

at each of these exchanges on the 31st March, 1959; and

(c) the time by which telephones will be provided?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). The information is given below:

Name of District	Name of Exchange	Connections provided during 1958-59	Applications pending as on 31-3-59
I. MYSORE			
	1. Mysore .	20	138
	2. Nanjangud ..	..	4
	3. Chamara-janagar . . .	..	3
	4. Kollegal ..	..	10
	5. Hunsur . . .	..	..
II. BANGALORE			
	1. Bangalore	1031	1768
	2. Dodballapur . . .	3	20
	3. Chennai-patna . . .	5	11
	4. Whitefield ..	..	..

(e) A large number of applications are pending for the Bangalore and Mysore Exchanges. The capacity of the former has recently been increased and additional connections are being progressively given. The capacity of the Mysore exchange is proposed to be increased during the current year.

It is expected that a substantial number of persons whose applications are pending will be given telephone connections by the end of the year.

Stops of Mail and Express Trains

3054. { Shri Ram Reddy:
Shri Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Narapa Reddy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the revised Time Table enforced from the 1st April, 1959, the previous stops of the Mail Trains and Express Trains at several Railway Stations on the Southern and Central Railways have been cancelled;

(b) if so, the names of stations on these railways where such stops have been cancelled; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The halts of Mail and Express trains have been deleted from some stations on the Southern Railway with effect from 1-4-1959. A statement indicating the position is laid on the Table. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 100.]

On the Central Railway, the halts of Nos. 15 Dn. and 16 Up Grand Trunk Expresses and 21 Dn. and 22 Up Air-conditioned Expresses, which were provided at Ramgundem for operational requirements, have been deleted from 1-4-1959 and provided instead at Belampalli station.

(c) Lack of traffic justification with regard to Southern Railway.

Orders for Electrification of Railways

3055. { Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Osman Ali Khan:
Shri Khushwaqt Sai:
Shri Siddananappa:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders worth Rs. 10 crores have been placed with foreign firms for electrification of Railways;

(b) if so, the names of the firms;

(c) the main terms of their contracts;

(d) whether the equipment will be manufactured in India or will be imported from abroad;

(e) the amount of money in Indian and foreign currency separately that would be paid for these contracts; and

(f) when the work is likely to be completed?