

Trunk Lines between Narnaul and Charkhi Dadri

3589 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct line for trunk calls from Narnaul to Charkhi Dadri (Punjab), and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider the desirability of removing this difficulty?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil):

(a) There is no direct trunk circuit between Narnaul and Charkhi Dadri. Calls between Narnaul and Charkhi Dadri are routed *via* Bhiwani, Delhi and Rewari.

(b) Direct circuit between two stations is provided only if it is economically justified by the trunk traffic between the two stations. A direct telephone circuit between Narnaul and Charkhi Dadri is not so justified at present.

Family Planning Centres in Punjab

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Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 2710 on the 17th February, 1958 and state

(a) the number of family planning centres opened in Punjab State during 1958-59, and

(b) the number of family planning centres proposed to be opened in Punjab during 1959-60?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Seven clinics—four rural and three urban

(b) One urban and 35 rural according to phased programme

Loans to Co-operative Societies

3591. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state the total amount of loan granted to co-operative societies during 1958-59?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B S Murthy): The Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation does not grant any loans to co-operative societies. Loans to the extent of Rs 208 176 lakhs were, however, granted during the year 1958 59 to State Governments for their co-operative development schemes.

Wagons for Coal Transport

3592. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of wagons allotted for coal transport during 1958-59 (month wise)?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S V. Ramaswamy): A statement showing the total number of wagons loaded with coal on Indian Railways during the year 1958 59 is placed on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix VII, annexure No 65]

Eye Banks

3593 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the names of the States which have established Eye Banks for Corneal Grafting in pursuance of the recommendations of the Central Council of Health?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): No new Eye Banks for Corneal Grafting have been established in pursuance of the recommendations of the Central Council of Health. Five Eye Banks are, however, functioning at the following hospitals—

- 1 Assam Medical College, Hospital, Dibrugarh
- 2 Gandhi Eye Hospital, Aligarh
- 3 Government Stanley Hospital, Madras
- 4 Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras