

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) On the 2nd August, 1959, at about 00 55 hours, while No 902 Down Express Goods train was running between Bar Langfer and Lumding stations on the Mariani-Lumding section of the Northeast Frontier Railway, its five wagons derailed and two others capsized. There were no casualties. Approximate cost of damage to the Railway property has been Rs 16,000.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by a District Officers Joint Enquiry Committee.

Tube-wells in Madras

2036. Shri Subbiah Ambalam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the number and names of places selected for sinking tube-wells in Madras State under the Second Ground-water Exploration Project, and

(b) the terms and conditions of this scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Neither the areas nor the number have yet been decided.

(b) In the course of exploration, the bores yielding sufficient quantities of water would be converted into production tube-wells and such tubewells would be transferred to the State Government for their use. The cost of production tube-wells thus transferred will be treated as a long-term loan to the State Government.

Telephone Exchanges

2037. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis for the formation of the telephone exchanges in the Koraput District of Orissa Circle,

(b) whether it is on the basis of the distance or the number of telephones; and

(c) what is the basis and Bhubaneswar at a distance of 18 miles from Cuttack was kept under the Cuttack exchange until recently?

The Minister of Transport and Communications and Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Telephone Exchanges are opened at District Headquarter Towns without considering the financial implications. At other places the schemes should be self-supporting.

(b) On the basis of number of telephones and total revenue earned

(c) Earlier Bhubaneswar was not considered very important with respect to trunk traffic. Hence a Private Branch Exchange was installed at this place with Cuttack as the Parent Exchange. With the increase in importance of Bhubaneswar, this Exchange has now been directly connected to the general trunk net work.

Agricultural Information Units

2038. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 2185 on the 1st May, 1959 and state

(a) the number of graduates in journalism working as Information Officers in the Agricultural Information Units; and

(b) the number of personnel trained in journalism working in the Information Units?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

At present no graduates in journalism are employed either at the Central or State Agricultural Information Units. There is no institution in India which offers graduate courses in journalism. A few universities, however, offer diploma courses. Two