

Telephone Connections in Delhi

2119. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections given in Delhi during 1959-60;

(b) the total amount spent; and

(c) the number of applications still pending for connections?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) 1,386.

(b) It is not possible to determine the expenditure on giving of individual telephone connections but the costs involved in installations at subscriber's premises were approximately Rs. 2,07,900.

(c) 27,500.

Destruction of Fish in Himachal Pradesh

2120. { **Shri S. N. Ramaul:**
Shri J. B. S. Bist:

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

(a) whether Government are aware about the large scale destruction of fish caused by the P.W.D. by exploding dynamite in the Gire and other rivers in Himachal Pradesh where they construct roads near such rivers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as available.

Fisheries in Himachal Pradesh

2121. { **Shri S. N. Ramaul:**
Shri J. B. S. Bist:

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

(a) the total amount spent on hatcheries of "Mirror-Carp" fish in

Himachal Pradesh during the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60;

(b) number of fingerlings distributed in Himachal Pradesh during each of these years; and

(c) how much income, if any, has been derived therefrom?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri S. V. Krishnappa): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as it is available.

Subsidy to States for Supply of Foodgrains

2122. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the amount of subsidy given by the Centre for the supply of wheat and rice to West Bengal, Bombay and Madras States during 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): No subsidy as such is being given by the Government of India to the State Governments in respect of foodgrains issued from Central stocks. The issue prices fixed for issue of foodgrains from Central reserve, however, include an element of subsidy.

The amounts of subsidy involved in the supply of rice and wheat at the prescribed issue prices to West Bengal, Bombay and Madras States during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60 were approximately as follows:—

(Figures in lakhs of Rupces)

	1958-59	1959-60
West Bengal	315	338
Bombay	189	244
Madras	12	35