

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to cope with the said demand?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) There is considerable demand for tube-well irrigation in areas where flow irrigation is not provided and where the existence of sufficient supplies of ground water is known.

(b) The Government of India afford financial assistance by way of loans to State Governments for construction of tubewells for irrigation. The State Governments also give loans to private parties for tube well construction. Some of the State Governments also assist them by having tubewells constructed departmentally. Under the Second Plan, 2564 State tubewells had been constructed and energised by March, 1960, and the total number of tubewells in operation was 8731. It is expected that provision for over 3000 tubewells will be made in the Third Five Year Plan for meeting the demands for tubewell irrigation.

#### Oyria Station

**642. Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Durgapur Steel Project authorities have complained about the deplorable condition of Oyria Railway Station of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the Station?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following amenities have already been provided at the station at an estimated cost of about Rs. 1 lakh:—

1. extension of the station building to provide booking facilities.
2. provision of platform sheds (on down platform), foot over bridge, high power lamps,

sanitary latrines (on platforms), piped water supply and approach road.

Further improvements such as additions and alterations to the existing station building and providing baths, sanitary latrines, urinals, raising the platforms to high level etc. are proposed to be taken in hand during 1960-61, subject to the availability of funds.

#### हिमाचल प्रदेश में फलों के पौधे लगाना

६४३. श्री हेम राज : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में भूमध्य सागर के जैतून, अनार और चुकन्दर के पौध लगाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(ख) उक्त परियोजना पर कितना खर्च किया जायेगा ?

**कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री मो० वें० कृष्णप्पा) :**

(क) और (ख) आवश्यक जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलते ही सभा की टेबिल पर रख दी जायगी ।

#### Action against Apprentice in Dibrugarh Railway Workshop

644. { Shri B. Das Gupta:  
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any apprentice in the Railway Workshop in Dibrugarh, Assam, has been discharged on the allegation of joining the last strike by the Railway employees?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** No, Sir.

#### Forest Development

**645. Shri Kodyan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount set apart for the development of forests during the