

D.V.C. Canal

1088. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what kinds of boats will ply in D.V.C. canal when it will come into operation;

(b) what is the breadth of the canal near each lockgate through which the boats will pass;

(c) whether the breadth is uniform near every lockgate; and

(d) how many lockgates are there in the navigable canal from Durgapur to end of it?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Boats up to a size of 100'x17' with a draught up to six feet can ply.

(b) and (c). The locks have been so designed as to permit two 200|250 ton capacity barges being taken from upstream to the down stream and vice versa in one operation. The clear inside dimension of the lock chamber is 286' in length by 20' in width.

(d) 22.

Wireless in Laccadive Islands

1089. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that considerable difficulty is being experienced for want of wireless in some of the Laccadive, Amindivi Group of Islands; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to install wireless in the Islands expeditiously?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) Yes.

(b) Wireless Stations have been opened in Minicoy Amindivi, And-

roth and Kavarthi islands, and equipments are being obtained for opening the wireless stations in Kalpeni, Agathy, Kiltan and Chetlat islands.

Telephone Operators on Northern Railway at Delhi

**1090. { Shri Bahadur Singh:
Shri A. M. Tariq:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2271 on the 22nd December, 1960 and state:

(a) what is the total number of Telephone Operators on Northern Railway at Delhi only;

(b) how many of them have been given the benefit of upgarding scheme announced in February, 1957;

(c) how many Telephone Operators are due for promotion in higher grade in clerical cadre as a result of the upgrading in terms of para 12 of the scheme;

(d) how many Telephone Operators have actually been promoted in higher grades up till now;

(e) whether it is a fact that lien of all Telephone Operators in Delhi has been fixed in the clerical cadre; and

(f) if so, from which dates they are due for promotion in higher scales as a result of upgrading scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 16.

(b) They have all been given the special pay applicable to Clerks working in telephone exchanges.

(c) 9.

(d) Nil.

(e) Yes.

(f) From the dates they take actual charge of the higher posts.