

Year Plan and as anticipated at the end of the Plan is as follows:

	1960-61 (Actuals)	1965-66 (Anticipated)
(f) Telephones .	1,14,014	1,80,000
(ii) Exchange lines (Nominal) . . .	74,265	₹1,36,000
(iii) Long distance Transmission equipment .	Rs. 66.11 lakhs	Rs. 260 lakhs worth of equipment

The development programme of the Company in the Third Plan is estimated to cost Rs. 280 lakhs.

(c) The Company requires a loan of Rs. 230 lakhs on a staggered basis, which would be completely repaid from the Company's own resources by 1971-72.

Haridas Pur—Marsa Ghai Road in Orissa

571. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government for financial assistance of Rs. 3 crores for the construction of a Test Relief Road from Haridas Pur to Marsa Ghai;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the road as indicated by the State Government; and

(d) whether the sketch map of the proposed road will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the proposal made by the Chief Minister, Orissa, for the Central financial assistance for the construction of a road from Dhanmandal to Nuagaon in the Haridaspur-Marsa-ghai area of the Cuttack District of the State. According to the State Government, this project is estimated

to cost Rs. 6.86 crores. No specific amount of the financial assistance required has, however, been indicated. In order to be able to examine the project, the Government of India has requested the Government of Orissa to supply some technical details which are awaited.

(d) Copies of the sketch showing the proposed road have been placed in the Library of Parliament.

Rail Line from Daitery Mines to Paradip Port

572. Dr. Samantsinhar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have made a request for the construction of a new rail line from the Daitery mines to the Paradip port; and

(b) what decision has been taken on this proposal and what would be the approximate cost of the line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Amongst the various lines recommended by the Orissa Government for construction during the Third Five Year Plan a line joining Tomka Hill to the Howrah-Madras main line and a line from Nergundi to Paradip were included.

(b) The rail link to Tomka in Sukinda area from the Kharagpur-Cuttack main line would roughly cost Rs. 2.50 crores, and its extension to Daitery would cost a further sum of Rs. 4.32 crores. The line from Nergundi to Paradip will cost about Rs. 7 crores. The inclusion of a rail link from Sukinda-Daitery mining areas to a junction point on the Kharagpur-Cuttack main line, in the railway programme of the Third Five Year Plan, is under consideration. The Nergundi-Paradip line is not included in the Third Five Year Plan.

Night Air Mail Service

573. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communi-