

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) In 1961-62, the Central Warehousing Corporation opened 4 warehouses in Andhra Pradesh at Tadepalligudem, Duggirala, Rajahmundry and Vijayawada, and proposes to open two more warehouses in 1962-63.

(b) and (c). These warehouses provide facilities of scientific storage and preservation of agricultural produce with a view to enabling the farmers to obtain better value for it. Loans can also be obtained from the banks against warehouse receipts.

(d) The banks generally give advance upto 60 per cent to 75 per cent of the market value of goods deposited in the warehouses at rates of interest which are  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent to 1 per cent lower than the usual market rates.

#### **Failure of Engines on Naupada-Gunupur Railway Line**

**1664. Shri Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the light engines on the narrow gauge line between Naupada and Gunupur sometimes fail in the middle of the way;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the failure of light engines has become a regular feature on the said line; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this matter?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Telephone Exchanges in Orissa**

**1665. Shri Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones subscribed by Government offices and public in Orissa upto March, 1962;

(b) whether there is any proposal to pen new telephone exchanges in Orissa during the Third Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, when and where they will be opened?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) (i) No. of telephones subscribed by Government—1,900.

(ii) No. of telephones subscribed by public—2,060.

(b) and (c). Seven proposals as shown in Statement I, which has been laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 92], have been sanctioned and exchanges are likely to be opened during 1962-63 subject to the availability of stores. 42 proposals as shown in Statement II, which has been laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 92], are under consideration and will be sanctioned and implemented during the Third Five Year Plan, if found remunerative.

#### **Passenger Amenities on Parlakimedi Station**

**1666. Shri Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parlakimedi station on the narrow gauge line between Naupada and Gunupur does not have a refreshment room of even a tea-stall even though it has become the crossing station of both the up and down light-trains and which has sub-divisional headquarters; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). A Railway-built tea stall has been lying vacant at Parlakimedi station, as no contractor is forth-coming, despite repeated notifications.