

**Locust Invasion in Delhi**

2113. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the estimated loss of crop suffered on account of the recent locust invasion in areas of Delhi and adjoining districts?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**): According to the information furnished by Delhi Administration, the loss to crops in Union Territory of Delhi is estimated at Rs. 70,000 occurred over an area of approximately 10,000 acres. No official estimate has been made by the authorities concerned in regard to the losses in the adjoining districts of Gurgaon and Rohtak of Punjab and Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. Some damage to bajra and jowar crops in Gurgaon and Rohtak districts of Punjab and to cotton crop in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh have, however, been reported.

**Panchayat Secretaries in Tripura**

2114. **Shri Biren Dutta:** Will the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Panchayat Secretaries appointed in the Divisions of Dharmanagar, Sadar, Khowi, Kalyanpur and Sonamura in Tripura;

(b) total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates recruited; and

(c) whether this number is at par with the population ratio?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (**Shri Shyam Dhar Misra**): (a) Dharmanagar, Sadar, Khowi and Sonamura Sub-Divisions—77.

There is no Sub-Division by the name Kalyanpur.

However, in the Kamalpura Sub-Division 13 Panchayat Secretaries have been appointed.

(b) Scheduled Castes—13.  
 Scheduled Tribes—13.

(c) No, Sir.

**Converting of Srunga Vruksham Halt into regular Station**

2115. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers that alight from and board the trains every day at Srunga Vruksham Halt on Nidadavolu Narsapur line on Southern Railway;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert this halt as a regular station; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) The average number of passengers who alighted and boarded the trains at this Halt during the year 1961-62 were 90 and 147 per day respectively.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Rural Electrification in Punjab**

2116. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have been electrified in the Punjab the Third Five Year Plan so far;

(b) the amount granted by Centre for the purpose; and

(c) by what amount does it fall short of the actual cost for the putting up of distributive lines?