

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir. However, funds in the shape of grant and loans are being given by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for development of palm gur and palm sugar in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c). It has been reported by the Government of Orissa that a sum of Rs. 77,600.00 as grant and Rs. 73,600.00 as loan have been received from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, during the year 1963-64. Nearly 3,00,000 palm trees have been planted through the agency of Orissa Rajya Talgur Samabaya Sangh limited during the year 1962-63.

Upgrading of Sub-Post Offices

1990. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of up-grading certain Sub-Post Offices into Head Offices in Maharashtra State is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the names of such Sub-Post Offices?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes Sir.

- (b) (i) Andheri
- (ii) Palghar
- (iii) Kalyan
- (iv) Malegaon
- (v) Karad
- (vi) Chiplun
- (vii) Khed
- (viii) Dadar
- (ix) Poona City
- (x) Tulsiwadi
- *(xi) Pandharpur
- *(xii) Malvan
- *(xiii) Shrirampur.

*Proposals since approved. The change will be given effect to from 1-10-63.

P. and T. Offices in Maharashtra

1991. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices, Telegraph Exchanges, Public Call Offices and Telegraph Offices opened so far during the Third Plan in Maharashtra; and

(b) the number of such offices proposed to be opened in Maharashtra during 1963-64 and 1964-65?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b).

| | Number of offices opened during the 3rd Five Year Plan period upto 31.8.63 | *Number of offices proposed to be opened during | |
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| | | remaining period of 1963-64 (i.e. from 1.9.63 to 31.3.64) | 1964-65 |
| Post Offices | 898 | 156 | 271 |
| Telephone Exchanges | 46 | 36 | 33 |
| Public Call Offices | 26 | 43 | 25 |
| Telegraph Offices | 37 | 40 | 37 |

*Subject to the availability of Stores.

Tube Wells in Maharashtra

1992. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be

pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells proposed to be drilled by the Central