

(b) The number of connections provided during the period 1-1-61 to 30-6-63 are:

Cuttack	295
Bhubneswar	299

(c) The capacity of the exchanges is being increased and additional cables are being laid.

Railway Line between Bhadrak and Raja Attagarh

919. Shri Ram Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made recently for construction of a double line between Bhaedrak to Raja Attagarh Station (Orissa) under South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the work will be started?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) In connection with the doubling of the East Coast section of the South Eastern Railway, a Preliminary Engineering Survey has been conducted for doubling the Bhadrak-Nergundi section. After examining the survey report, orthodox doubling between Bhadrak and Kapilas Road with a short diversionary alignment only between Jenapur and Haridaspur has been approved.

(c) The work is likely to be taken in had during the coming working season.

Import of Railway Equipment

920. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the quantity and value of imports during 1962-63 in respect of:

(i) Steel rails (B.G., M.G., or others);

(ii) Steel Sleepers material;

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(iii) Wooden sleepers; and

(iv) Steam locomotives (B.G., M.G., or others)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

	Quantity ordered	Value in lacs of rupees.
(i) Steel Rails :		
BG 131 lbs.	26,000 M. Tons.	140.400 (C&F)
„ 105 lbs.	70,000 „	351.167 (C&F)
MG 60 lbs	104,000 „	504.942 (FOB)
Indian production of rails covered 58% (by tonnage) of the requirements of Indian Railways. Imports were made to cover the shortfall.		
(ii) (a) Steel Track Sleepers	Nil	Nil
(b) Steel Crossing Sleeper Bars for fabricating turnout sleeper sets.—		
B.G.	4,952.80	22.618
M.G.	L. Tons.	(C&F)
.	10,559.20	48.721
.	L. Tons.	(C&F)
(iii) (a) Wooden Track Sleepers	Nil.	Nil
(b) Wooden Sleepers	Nil. (But 5,77,057 cft. were received during 1962-63 against 1961 orders).	60.280 (FOB)
(iv) Steam Locomotives	Nil	Nil

Note:—In regard to items (i) and (ii) above, the figures represent the quantity ordered and not the quantity received from imports in that year.

Central Road Fund

921. Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount of grant given to the Government of Orissa from the Cen-

tral Road Fund till March, 1963 for road development schemes of that State?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The total amount approved for road development schemes in Orissa from the Central Road Fund since the inception of the fund in 1929 upto 31st March 1963 was Rs. 221.59 lakhs (Rs. 138.88 lakhs from the Central Road Fund Allocations and Rs. 82.71 lakhs from the Central Road Fund Ordinary Reserve). The actual amount utilised by the State Government till 31st March 1963 was Rs. 123.36 lakhs (Rs. 59.78 lakhs from the Allocations and Rs. 63.58 lakhs from the Ordinary Reserve).

Tube-Wells in Orissa

922. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Rama Chandra Mallick

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells proposed to be drilled by the Central Tube Well Organisation in Orissa during 1963-64; and

(b) the names of places where they will be drilled and the total amount allotted for the purpose during 1963-64?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The total number of exploratory bores proposed to be drilled by the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation is 24. Out of these, four bores which were drilled during 1962-63 had to be abandoned due to poor discharge of water. Such of the exploratory bores as give adequate discharge of water are converted into production tubewells and handed over to the State Government for its use. The estimated cost of the entire work is Rs. 9.00 lakhs.

The 24 exploratory bores are being drilled in the Districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Cuttack and Puri.

Railway Engines

923. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the Zone-wise break up of:

(a) the number of railway engines fitted with speedo-meters;

(b) the number of engines yet to be fitted with speedo-meters; and

(c) the number of engines expected to be fitted with speedo-meters before 31st March, 1964?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A total of 1199 engines hauling passenger services are fitted with speed recorders/indicators as per Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1568/63].

(b) A total of 1865 engines hauling passenger services are yet to be fitted with speed recorders/indicators as per Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1568/63].

(c) A total of 748 engines hauling passenger services are expected to be fitted with speed recorders/indicators before 31st March 1964 as per Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1568/63].

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924. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to lay a statement on the Table giving the following particulars (circle-wise), for the P.&T. Department in connection with the arrangement of collections under the Compulsory Deposit Scheme:

(a) number of additional posts sanctioned;

(b) number of employees appointed so far;