

Mysore and Jammu and Kashmir, and in some of the Union Territories. Further exploration is being continued in such areas of these States which have not been covered so far, and will also be taken up in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Mysore and the Union Territory of Himachal Pradesh. These field divisions are at present engaged in exploratory drilling in Bihar, Orissa, Madras, Rajasthan, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation started the field operations in January, 1955. The results of exploration between January, 1955 to June, 1963 in the various States are indicated below:

State	Number of exploratory bores drilled	Number of proved bores successful
1. Gujarat	89	22
2. Madhya Pradesh	56	31
3. Assam	19	17
4. West Bengal	57	49
5. Orissa	23	13
6. Bihar	19	8
7. Rajasthan	86	20
8. Punjab	47	12
9. Kerala	5	1
10. Uttar Pradesh	43	35
11. Madras	40	27
12. Andhra Pradesh	15	11
13. Maharashtra	31	2
TOTAL	530	248

Agricultural Production

957. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have a scheme to provide rewards and punishment to agriculturists to step up agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) through which agency the scheme will be effected?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) A "Crop Competition" scheme and a scheme of "Award of Community Prizes", providing rewards for individual and group efforts respectively, are already in operation for stepping up agricultural production. There is, however, no scheme providing for punishment.

(b) Under the "Crop Competition" scheme, individual cultivators participate in competitions in respect of selected crops at Village, Block, District, State and All-India Levels. Prizes in cash or kind are awarded to the winners at each level. Merit Certificates are also awarded to prize winners. The certificate of 'Krishi Pandit' is awarded to the prize winner in respect of each crop at the all India level.

Under the 'Award of Community Prizes' scheme each State and District where the total production of foodgrains in a crop season exceeds by 15 per cent or more the average production of the crop concerned over the last three seasons, qualifies for a community award. The value of the State level award is Rs. 50,000 and that of the District level Rs. 10,000. In addition, the State achieving the highest percentage in production is awarded a 'Rashtra Kalash' (Silver trophy) and the highest producing district in each State is awarded a 'Rajya Kalash'. The award money is utilised for the benefit of the cultivators.

(c) The schemes are being implemented through the Central and State Departments of Agriculture.

Sambalpur-Titilagarh Section of the D.B.K. Railway

958. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) when passenger trains are supposed to ply on the Sambalpur-Titila-