

(b) if not, what is the programme; and

(c) reasons for non-establishment of Telephone Revenue Accounting Offices according to schedule in Assam, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Circles?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) The letter referred to, merely forwarded the minutes of the Conference of the Accounts Officers Telephone Revenue convened in April, 1961.

The policy of the Government, as stated elsewhere, is to decentralise the T.R.A.Os to the Divisional level, in stages. They will remain on multi-Divisional basis until they can be set up on Divisional basis as self-contained units. The decentralisation of T.R.A.Os is processed accordingly.

(b) The T.R.A. Units have been set up at Srinagar, Ahmedabad (separately for Phones Division and the Telegraph Division) and at Tiruchirappalli for Tiruchirappalli Telegraph Division.

Orders for setting up of T.R.A. Units at Madurai, Coimbatore and Cuttack Telegraph Divisions have been issued. Decentralisation of T.R.A.Os to other places is being processed.

(c) In Gujarat Circle, T.R.A. Units have been formed separately for Phones Division and the Telegraph Division. In respect of Rajkot Telegraph Division action is being taken to expedite formation of a T.R.A. Unit.

In Madhya Pradesh and U.P. Circles, the proposals for decentralisation of T.R.A.Os are under consideration.

As regards Assam Circle, T.R.A. work is at present done at Shillong.

In all cases, the decentralisation has been carried out upto the circle level.

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Further decentralisation to divisional level will be taken up when found justified.

Decentralisation is a gradual process due to human and other administrative problems involved and has to be carried out slowly and in stages.

बम्बई में लोकल गाड़ियां

१८०३. श्री बलबन्त : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या बम्बई उपनगर की लोकल गाड़ियां डहाणू तक बढ़ाने का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सै० वें० रामस्वामी) : चर्च गेट और विरार के बीच चलने वाली उपनगरीय गाड़ियों को दहाणू रोड स्टेशन तक चलाने का कोई विचार नहीं है ।

Theft of Explosives

1804. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 43 on the 19th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether investigation into the theft of explosives from a sealed railway wagon has been concluded; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The police have chargesheeted four outsiders and one railway employee for trial in the court of Law under Sections 380/461/411 I.P.C.

Telephone Service in Balaghat

1805. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 60 on the 19th November, 1963 regarding Telephone Service in Balaghat and state: