

cerned. In so far as the use of vehicles by officials or by the staff for any other administrative purposes, we have fallen in line with the Government directions to the extent it is possible to do so. But so far as passenger operations are concerned and more particularly so far as goods operations and freight operations are concerned, I do not believe it will be possible for us to think in terms of any percentage wise reduction, because that will ultimately mean the passengers or the goods which have to be transported by rail anyway will go to the bus or to the truck industry, which is far more expensive in terms of petrol and diesel consumption than the Railways. Therefore, a total view will have to be taken up in this matter in the Government and I am sure that the exercise is on.

[Translation]

SHRI MANJAY LAL: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the Government as to what is the rate of consumption of diesel in train journey *vis-a-vis* bus journey?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a fact that the per capita consumption of petrol and diesel used in buses is 6 to 7 times more than that is used in trains. In view of this it would be better in all respects to effect more and more cuts in case of buses and trucks and lesser in case of trains.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

#### **Linkage of District Headquarters Through STD Facility in A.P.**

\*309. SHRI RAJAMOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was proposed to link all district headquarters through STD facility during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the objective has been achieved in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the district headquarters proposed to be linked with Hyderabad by STD facility during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **'Million Wells' Scheme Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana**

\*310. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Million Wells" Scheme has been launched under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked to the States under the scheme during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the number of wells dug under the Scheme during 1989-90 and 1990-91 so far in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (c). Million Wells Scheme (MWS) was launched on 1.4.1988 as a sub-scheme of the erstwhile wage employment programmes of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment