

**GAS PLANTS WORKING ON COW DUNG**

224. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to popularise gas plants working on cow dung in villages;

(b) whether efforts are made to manufacture them in large numbers to make them available at cheap price to villagers; and

(c) what is the average cost price of a gas plant?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAQ SINGH):**

(a) Yes.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Rs. 500 approximately.

**PENDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN GWALIOR**

225. **SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for telephone connections were pending in Gwalior by the end of the year 1962;

(b) how many applications were disposed of and given connections in 1962;

(c) whether any connections were given out of turn; and

(d) if so, for what reasons?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI):** (a) 500 applications for telephone connections at Gwalior were pending on 31st December, 1962.

(b) 104 connections were provided during the year 1962.

(c) 38 telephone connections were given on out-of-turn basis, out of which 29 connections were provided to

Government departments, Municipal Corporation and to an autonomous corporation and the remaining to the public.

(d) According to the present policy of the Government, connections are provided on priority to Government, public sector corporations, local authorities, public utility schemes etc. Connections are also provided on priority to distinguished persons, doctors, small scales industries and press etc.

**GOODS TRAINS WITHOUT BRAKE IN CABIN**

226. **SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many goods trains are made to run without necessary brake-vans or brake equipment in the brake-van; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the staff who hesitate to run the trains without braking equipment are being penalised by the concerned Railway authorities?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):** (a) Goods trains are not run without brake vans. Normally brake vans have their full complement of equipments. However, due to shortage of vacuum gauges mainly due to thefts, temporary relaxation was granted to run brake vans without this equipment. In such cases the Train Examiners were to ensure, to the satisfaction of the Guards, that the brake vans have sufficient quantity of vacuum by using a master gauge.

(b) The question does not arise.

**EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUGARCANE PRICE**

227. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the suggestion made by the