

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes.

(b) (i) No. of cases registered in 1961-62—1277.

(ii) Length of wires involved—889 k.m.

(iii) Estimated cost Rs. 2,82,170.

(c) and (d) The problem is essentially one of law and order. Ah theft cases are promptly reported to State police authorities and heads of circles are keeping close liaison with State police officers. Vigilance parties and check posts are being maintained in many affected areas. In addition the following steps have also been taken to minimise copper wire thefts:—

(i) Replacement of copper wire by copper weld wire in theft-affected areas.

(ii) Replacement of overhead lines by underground cables on the main trunk routes.

(iii) Increase of liability to punishment for the offence.]

श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी : विवरण से यह स्पष्ट है कि चोरियों के मामले बढ़ रहे हैं, लेकिन यह स्पष्ट नहीं है कि पिछले साल की तुलना में कितने मामले बढ़े हैं, क्या इस सम्बन्ध में मंत्री जी के पास आंकड़े हैं ?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: In 1960-61 the total weight of copper wires stolen in Kg. 26,226'22 and in value it was Rs. 1,32,110. For 1961-62 the figure has been given.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know whether it is a fact that the Department of Transport and Commu-

nications is not receiving necessary co-operation from the State police in checking these theft cases?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: No, Madam. Necessary help has been received but it is a very difficult problem. So the theft is increasing and at present some electronic fault locators have been provided in important testing stations. I think it will help the police to detect the culprits.

बलरामपुर और कावापुर के बीच नये रेलवे स्टेशन का निर्माण

*४०२. श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर स्थित बलरामपुर और कावापुर रेलवे स्टेशनों के बीच राप्ती नदी के तट पर एक नया रेलवे स्टेशन बनाने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार को जनता से स्मृतिपत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY STATION BETWEEN BALRAMPUR AND KANPUR

*402. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memoranda from the members of the public with regard to the construction of new railway station on the bank of the river Rapti between Balrampur and Kawapur Railway Stations on the North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in the matter?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V.
RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The proposal was examined and not
accepted for want of adequate justification.

†[रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० बी०
रामस्वामी) : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) इस सुझाव पर विचार किया गया
था, लेकिन पर्याप्त औचित्य न होने के कारण
इसे स्वीकार नहीं किया गया।]

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know on
what basis new railway stations are opened?
Are there any criteria?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Yes, Madam.
On the basis of traffic justification. If there is
financial justification also we look into it.
Now, we generally do not open stations unless
there are no stations within a distance of three
miles on either side. The hon. Member as
Member of the Lok Sabha made a representa-
tion in 1959 and it was examined. Subsequently,
another Member of the Lok Sabha made a repre-
sentation early this year. It was again examined
and it was found that if a halt was opened there
would be a loss of Rs. 10,000 and if a flag station
was opened there would be an annual loss of Rs.
26,000. So there is no financial justification for
this.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Is it not a fact
that the distance between Balrampur and
Kawapur is more than six miles?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: From
Kawapur it is 9 miles and from Balrampur it
is only two miles.

†[] Hindi translation.

टिड्डी-मार अभियान में उपयोग के लिये
विमानों की मांग

*४०३. श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी : क्या
खरब तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा
करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश
सरकार ने टिड्डी-मार अभियान में उपयोग
के लिये केन्द्र से कुछ विमान मांगे थे ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो विमान किस तिथि
को मांगे गये थे और वस्तुतः वे किस तिथि को
दिये गये ?

†[REQUEST FOR AEROPLANES FOR USE IN
ANTI-LOCUST CAMPAIGN

*403. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Will the
Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
Government of Uttar Pradesh asked the
Centre for some aeroplanes for
use in the Anti-Locust campaign; and

(b) if so, the date on which the
aeroplanes were asked for and the
date on which they were actually
handed over?]

खरब तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(श्री राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.]

श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी : टिड्डीयों को
मारने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को छोड़ कर अन्य
राज्यों ने जो भी हवाई जहाजों की मांगें
प्रस्तुत की थीं, क्या वे समय पर प्रस्तुत कर
दी गईं ?

†[] English translation.