

UNREMUNERATIVE WORKS FINANCED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT FUND

597. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the distribution of the gross expenditure from the Development Fund from 1950-51 onwards on unremunerative works under the following sub-heads (i) restoration of dismantled lines; (ii) double-tracking of existing mileage; and (iii) works other than construction of unremunerative lines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): A statement is attached herewith. [See Appendix IX, Annexure No. 167.]

INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES, BANGALORE

598. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the investment of Government in the share capital of the Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore as on the 31st March of 1950, 1952 and 1954;

(b) the amount of loans and advances given to the concern as on the above dates; and

(c) the terms and conditions under which the loans and advances have been given to this concern?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) As on 31st March 1950—Rs. 69,58,700 (including shares to be allotted in lieu of assets worth Rs. 59,58,700).

As on 31st March 1952—Rs. 1,84,58,700.

As on 31st March 1954—Rs. 2,92,74,500.

(b) and (c). A loan of Rs. 6,84,200 was granted in 1952-53. It is repayable after 8 years and bears interest @ $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. payable annually.

THIRD CLASS RAILWAY COACHES

599. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the average cost of a 3rd class broad gauge passenger bogie obtained by the Railways in each of the years 1938, 1952 and 1954 from:

- (i) foreign countries;
- (ii) Hindustan Aircraft Factory;
- (iii) railway workshops; and
- (iv) other private firms in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN):

(In thousands of rupees)

	1938	1952	1954
* (i) None imported		3,09	2,20
(ii) None manufactured.		1,30	1,30
(iii) 32		None manufactured.	1,15
(iv) None manufactured.		Do.	1,08

*The figures given include departmental charges, sea-freight, import duty, etc.

GAZETTED OFFICERS ON THE RAILWAYS

600. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of gazetted officers employed under the Railways at the end of each year since the commencement of the Five Year Plan; and

(b) the reduction in the number of gazetted officers which resulted due to the regrouping of the Railways in zones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN):

(a) 1951-52	2128
1952-53	2264
1953-54	2290
1954-55	2377

(b) There was no reduction.