

(c) The output of new coaches in India from railway workshops was equal to 450 bogies during 1952-53. It has been restricted due to shortage of underframes and suitable timber and steel and also due to Railway workshops using a part of their building capacity to overtake arrears of repairs. The Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. completed 129 coaches during 1952-53. A large number of underframes is due for delivery this year and the shortage of steel is also expected to reduce after which the output of new coaches in India will be increased.

(d) The numbers of passenger coaches ordered from abroad are given below according to programme years:—

1948-49	Nil	
1949-50	Nil	
1950-51—		
52 B.G. ex-Switzerland	—	fully furnished.
50 B.G. Do.	—	Unfurnished.
250 M.G. ex-Germany	—	fully furnished.
1952-53—		
100 M.G. ex-U. K.		Unfurnished.
100 M.G. ex-Belgium		
24 M.G. ex-Italy	—	Electric Multiple Stock.
1953-54—		
200 M.G. ex-Belgium	—	Unfurnished.
12 M.G. ex-Japan	—	Rail Cars.

It is not intended to order many coaches from abroad in future years.

(e) It does not make any difference whether the foreign exchange is required either for importing coaches or for importing materials for making coaches within the country, as the imports are on Government account.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

136. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the up-to-date capital outlay on the Central Tractor Organisation;

(b) the net profits made by this Organisation every year since it was started;

(c) the year in which the maximum net profit was made by the Organisation after making allowance for interest on capital; and

(d) the year of the latest published Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss accounts of the Organisation?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJI AHMED KHAN): (a) The total capital outlay on the Organisation, as adjusted up to the 31st March 1952, amounts to Rs. 7,05,60,490.

(b) and (c). The Organisation works on a 'no profit no loss' basis, and the question of profits made does not therefore arise.

(d) The latest audited accounts are for the year 1951-52.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN ASSAM

37. SHRIMATI PUSHPA LATA DAS: Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of telephone exchanges which are at present functioning in Assam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): Thirteen.

JORHAT AERODROME

138. SHRIMATI PUSHPA LATA DAS: Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to hand over the Jorhat aerodrome to the Air Force authorities; and

(b) if so, the date on which this transfer is to take place?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, but the date on which the transfer is to take place has not yet been fixed.