

(c) if so, the results of the enquiry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) There are 28 minor ports in the districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach, Surat and Thana in the Bombay State. The development schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan cover the requirements of eight of them which are considered important. The schemes were drawn up by the Technical Officers of the Government of India in consultation with the State Government. The particulars of the schemes are given in the statement laid on the Table [See Appendix III, annexure No 74.]

Post Offices in Cuddapah District

811. Shri Rami Reddy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some Post Offices in Cuddapah district (Andhra Pradesh) have to distribute 'dak' in villages situated at a distance of more than 5 miles from the Post Office, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the distance to ensure early delivery of 'dak'?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes 37 Post Offices serve 121 villages situated at more than five miles away but the prescribed frequency of delivery in them, is from daily to bi-weekly. However 76 of these villages are on an unfixed beat system and are visited when there are mails for delivery there.

(b) During the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan it is proposed to open about 140 new post offices in this district and also to sanction additional delivery staff, where necessary and justified. These will bring Post Offices closer to the villages and improve delivery frequencies.

Puri-Konarak Road

812. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 540 on the 31st May, 1957 and state

(a) whether the estimates of the work on the bridges on Puri-Konarak Road (Orissa) have since been sanctioned, and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No

(b) The estimates for the bridges had to be returned to the State Chief Engineer for furnishing certain technical information and for modification. The completion of the Technical examination will therefore take some more time.

Cholera Patients in Imphal Civil Hospital

813. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many cholera patients were admitted into the civil hospital at Imphal during the first week of July, 1957, and

(b) whether there is any segregation arrangement in the hospital for infectious diseases?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Nil

(b) No. However, if necessary, segregation arrangement for infectious diseases will be made in some vacant Medical Department buildings at Chngmeirong near Imphal town.

Guntakal-Secunderabad Railway Line

814. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the number of bridges being repaired on the Guntakal-Secunderabad Railway line consequent on the