

were damaged in New Delhi Post Office in July, 1957 as they were left in the open by the staff;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of damage caused; and

(c) the amount to be paid as compensation to the booksellers?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) On 15-7-57, a consignment of 28 bags stored under a tin shed was noticed to be wet.

(b) Outer covers of 7 books are reported to have been damaged.

(c) No claim has been preferred nor is any compensation admissible, the articles being unregistered.

#### **Pyrethrum Plants**

**1463. Shri E. Narayanasamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to plant Pyrethrum plants in the slopes of the Nilgris, Kodaikanal and Shevaroy Hills; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

**The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) No Sir. The Government of India have no proposals in hand for planting pyrethrum. It has been ascertained (where the Madras State Government (where the localities named lie) that they have no such proposals either. The Development of D.D.T. has put pyrethrum out of the field of antimalarial insecticides and there would scarcely be any case for raising it in plantations now.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Post Office Savings Bank Accounts**

**1464. { Shri Hem Raj:  
Shri Padam Dev:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Post Office Savings Bank Accounts of the displaced

persons have been transferred to India from Pakistan; and

(b) the amount still outstanding which requires adjustment with that Government?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) No.

(b) Rs. 47,83,468 approximately.

#### **Assessment of Land Revenue**

**1465. Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Deogarh Sub-division of Sambalpur District in Orissa whose lands have been acquired for the National Highway No. 6 are being assessed usual land revenue by the State Government on those very lands since 1950; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have already taken up the question of the abatement of land revenue which will be applied with retrospective effect.

#### **Doctors and Hospital Beds in States**

**1466. Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of doctors to the total population in each State after the reorganisation of the States; and

(b) the total number of hospital beds in each State?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will, when available, be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

#### **Hospital Beds**

**1467. Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of hospital beds attached