The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have been advised that they could take up pre-extension work in 10 N.E.S. blocks from 1-1-1958, and these blocks could be adjusted against the allotment for April, 1958 subject to availability of staff.

Night Air Mail

*879. Shri V. C. Shukia: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation are contemplating to cancel the stoppage of the Night Air Mail Services at Nagpur; and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Roads in Punjab

*880. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount of money given to the Punjab Government out of the Central Road Fund during the First Plan period and the total mileage of roads constructed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri): A sum of Rs 218-41 lakhs was sanctioned to the Government of Punjab, from the Central Road Fund during the First Plan. The State Government utilised Rs. 176-21 lakhs on the construction of 383 miles of roads.

Delhi's Water Supply and Sewage Disposal

*861. Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes for improving Delhi's water

supply and sewage disposal are being held up; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dhanushkodi Pier

- *882. Shri T. B. Vittal Rac: Will the, Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 300 on the 23rd May, 1957 and state:
- (a) the nature of decision arrived at on the report of the committee of experts appointed to go into the question of shifting the Dhanushkodi Pier to a safer place near Rameshwaram; and
- (b) when action on this is likely to be initiated?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) As the shifting of Dhanushkodi Pier is closely interlinked with the Sethusamudram Project which is still under consideration of the Ministry of Transport and Planning Commission, no final decision could be arrived at

(b) Does not arise

डाक तथा तार विभाग के भवन

*द=३. श्री भक्त बर्जन : क्या परिवहत तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) १६५५-५६ और १६५६-५७ में डाक तथा तार विभाग के भवन निर्माण कार्यत्रम के लिये कितनी घनराशियां निविचत की गई;
- (स) उन में से किसने धन का वस्तुत उपयोग किया था सका और किसना धन व्यवगत हो गया;
- (ग) १६५७-५८ में इस कार्य के बिये कितनी राणि नियत की गयी है; भौर