

(c) whether the amount has been recovered?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil):**

(a) A sum of Rs. 10,000 has been lost from the custody of the mail overseer who was entrusted the same for conveyance to Modinagar Sub-office from Meerut Head Office duly accompanied by the Complaints Inspector

(b) The case was reported to the police who have arrested both the officials. They are also kept under suspension

(c) No

### Hydro Electricity to Bikaner City

**\*664 Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the year by which Hydro Electricity will be made available according to plan to the City of Bikaner,

(b) whether any delay is anticipated in this regard, and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government to help Rajasthan to tide over this delay?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b) According to the present phased programme, Bikaner should expect to receive Power from Bhakra in 1959. According to the original programme, power was to be delivered at Sri-Ganganagar and Rajgarh by the Punjab Government in April, 1958. Owing to difficulties in the matter of procurement of Steel, they have not been able to adhere to this programme. The bulk of the foreign exchange required for the Ratangarh-Bikaner line has since been released and orders have been placed or are being placed for the required equipment. It is hoped to complete this line by the time power is made available to the State Government at Rajgarh.

### Delivery of Telegrams in Villages

**\*665 Shri B C Mullick:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no arrangement in village telegraph offices to deliver telegrams except on beat days, and

(b) if so, steps being taken to ensure every-day delivery?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S K Patil):** (a) No. All telegraph offices, whether in villages or elsewhere, have arrangements for free delivery of telegrams within 5 miles radius, irrespective of postal beats

Regarding villages beyond 5 miles radius of telegraph offices, special delivery of telegrams is effected, irrespective of postal beats, provided suitable portorage charges are paid at the time of booking the telegram.

(b) Does not arise

### रेलवे मंत्रालय के लिये नया भवन

**\*६६६. श्री क० भें० मालवीय**  
क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे मंत्रालय के लिये एक नया भवन बनाया जा रहा है,

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उमका अनुमित व्यय क्या होगा,

(ग) यह भवन कहा बनाया जायेगा, और

(घ) इस भवन के बनाने में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

**रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :**

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) लगभग ७८ लाख रुपये ।

(ग) यह हमारात रायमीना रोड पर उस जगह बनायी जा रही है जहा पहले 'एन' ब्लॉक था ।