

Shri Nagi Reddy: It is approaching Delhi.

Mr. Speaker: By that time we would not be here.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Indian Posts and Telegraphs Museum

*1595. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 598 on the 1st December, 1958 and state the further progress made for establishing The Indian Posts and Telegraphs Museum?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): It has since been decided to locate the proposed Indian Posts and Telegraphs Museum in the new building for the P. & T. Directorate on Parliament Street. Steps to implement this decision, as early as possible, are being taken.

High Power Committee on Floods

*1600. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 81 on the 11th February, 1959 and state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is given to the Government of Orissa for the implementation of the recommendations made by the High Power Committee on Floods for the Orissa river systems; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The High Level Committee on Floods have only indicated broadly the lines on which a satisfactory long-range plan for flood control in Orissa should be formulated. The question of giving loans for implementation of the recommendations of the Committee does not arise. It is only when the State Government have formulated schemes on the basis of these recommendations and approach the Government of

India for loan assistance that the question of financing those schemes would arise.

Cheque System in Post Offices

*1603. **Shri Manabendra Shah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experimental scheme of cheque system in Post Offices has proved successful;

(b) how many post offices are now covered under the scheme in the country;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared to extend these facilities to the villages; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made?

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

(b) 1573 upto February, 1959.

(c) No separate scheme has been prepared for villages. The existing scheme is gradually being extended to all Head Offices and departmental sub-offices, including those situated in rural areas

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Advisory Committee for Demographic Studies

*1605. **Shri B. C. Mallick:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have decided to set up an Advisory Committee for demographic studies in the country;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the main functions of the Committee?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Resolution is being published in the Gazette of India.

(c) (i) to advise on research and studies on inter-relationship between