

for bringing about a measure of uniformity in certain conditions of service of the Corporation's employees such as casual leave, holidays, sick leave, travelling allowances etc. Even these interim recommendations are to be regarded as of a tentative nature, pending the submission of the committee's final report.

(d) The Committee was appointed by the Indian Airlines Corporation and it will submit its report to the Corporation.

ROADS IN N.E.F.A.

*1571. **Shri Rishang Kelshing:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the mileage of motorable roads completed so far in the North-East Frontier Agency?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): About 25 miles since April 1951. In addition, 80 miles of jeepable roads have been constructed and 91 miles of motorable roads improved.

R.M.S.

*1573. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a division of the R.M.S. to improve the mail-arrangements of North Bihar; and

(b) at what stage the proposal is at present?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The question of reorganization of R.M.S. Divisions in India which includes provision of a separate division for North Bihar is under consideration.

(b) The proposal is yet in the initial stages.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ANDHRA

*1574. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of tarred and cemented roads of the National Highways constructed in Andhra State from 1951 to 1954; and

(b) what is the target expected to be reached by the end of the Five Year Plan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 37.]

TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES FOR GODAVARI DISTRICT

*1579. **Shri N. R. Naidu:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are at present any proposals to instal telephone systems and open telegraph offices at any new places in East Godavari District; and

(b) if so, when these facilities will be provided?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. It is proposed to open 4 exchanges, 2 Public Call Offices and one Telegraph Office.

(b) Before November 1954.

DISPLACED RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*1581. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the judgment delivered during the third week of March, 1954 by the Bombay High Court wherein it was held that "Railway employees who had opted for service in Pakistan and made their final choice in favour of service in India within the prescribed time were entitled to their wages from the day they reported for duty"?

(b) How many Railway employees have not been paid such wages?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A press report to the effect has come to notice but a copy of the judgment is awaited.

(b) The matter will be considered after the judgment has been examined.

PRIVATE-OWNED AIRCRAFTS

*1587. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts owned by private persons in India;

(b) the types of aircrafts; and

(c) whether the private-owned aircrafts also come under the purview of the Indian Aircraft Rules?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) There were 294 privately owned aircraft in India on 1st March, 1954.

(b) I lay on the Table of the House a statement giving the required information. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 38.]

(c) Yes, Sir.

ORISSA POSTAL CIRCLE

*1588. **Dr. Natabar Pandey:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how many qualified staff of the Posts and Telegraphs department in Orissa were selected for promotion as Inspectors in 1953?

(b) How many appointments were made to posts of clerks in Orissa circle in 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 6.

(b) 16 have been appointed and 45 are under training.

DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

322. **Ch. Raghbir Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is duplication of work between the Directorate of Economics and Statistics and the I.C.A.R.?

(b) If so, what steps have Government taken so far to avoid this duplication?

(c) What will be the consequent reduction in expenditure?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

HOUSING OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

323. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway employees still housed in condemned wagons in the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) the arrangements Government have made to provide these staff with quarters?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) On 1st January 1954, 789. Staff of Sealdah Division were living in condemned wagons.

(b) Wagon-bodies are being replaced by 'pucca' quarters. During 1953-54, 232 staff quarters were expected to be made available for allotment to staff living in condemned wagons and provision has been made to house the remaining staff in pucca quarters by the end of 1954-55.

DEPARTMENTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICES

324. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the revised standards for opening Departmental Telegraph Offices several such offices are due to be opened in the West Bengal Circle;

(b) whether the rate of progress in regard to the opening of such D.T.Os. in the West Bengal Circle is slow as compared to other circles; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) No (None of the combined offices fulfils the standard for conversion into departmental telegraph office).