

(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).