

(b) the present strength of the staff;

(c) how many of them have been provided with residential accommodation; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme in hand to improve and expand the Post and Telegraph offices in Manipur?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) On 28th February 1954, there were, in Manipur State, 55 Post Offices including one P. & T. Combined Office.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 17.]

(c) The particulars are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

(d) Yes.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Is it the policy of the Government of India to recruit hillmen in this Department and if so how many hillmen have so far been recruited?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I will not be able to give the figure as to how many hillmen are there in the employ of the P. and T. Department. It is however, our earnest desire and effort to recruit as many hillmen as possible.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** May I know if Government have received any representation from the local employees to increase the scale of furniture and equipment and to provide the employees with quarters and, if so, what action has been taken?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We are getting such representations through the respective unions every now and then. We are trying to meet those demands as best as we can within the limitations of our financial resources.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Is it under the contemplation of the Government of India to construct quarters for the employees in Manipur?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Our policy is that so far as big towns are concerned, we

do undertake such programmes of construction of quarters. But for smaller places where only extra-departmental agents are employed to do postal work, we do not usually construct such quarters.

### दिल्ली सुधार प्रन्यास

\*१७१९. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों में दिल्ली सुधार प्रन्यास ने कितनी भूमि का सुधार किया; तथा

(ख) इस कार्य पर कितनी राशि व्यय की गई ?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) 11.32 acres.

(b) Rs. 17.50 lakhs.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : उन में से कितने प्लॉट्स बना कर बेचे गये और कितनी भूमि शरणार्थियों को दी गई ?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** More than 2,250 acres of land, including 174 acres of developed land recovered to the refugees by 1951-52.

### रलगाड़ी में विस्फोट

\*१८००. श्री दयुरामय्या : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) ३१ मार्च, १९५४ की रात को ८ बज कर ३३ मिनट पर जगतबेला स्टेशन पर कटिहार-कानपुर एक्सप्रेस की जो दुर्घटना हो गई थी तथा जिसके बारे में सरकार ने सदन में १ अप्रैल, १९५४ को एक वक्तव्य दिया था, क्या उस सम्बन्ध में अब सारे तथ्य उपलब्ध हो गये हैं ; तथा

(ख) यदि हां तो दुर्घटना के कारण क्या हैं ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b) The Government Inspector of Railways, Lucknow, commenced his