

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the previous occasion, i.e. in February 1952, the Solar Eclipse coincided with *Somawati Amavas*, which is considered very sacred.

#### ROADS IN N.E.F.A.

\*542. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number and mileage of Bridle paths, jeepable and motorable roads completed so far in the North East Frontier Agency since the beginning of the First Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the road construction work is going on according to the schedule;

(c) the various contributions made by the people towards the road construction works in the North East Frontier Agency; and

(d) how does the contribution of the people in 1953-54 compare with that of the year 1952-53?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Bridle paths 7, total length 125 miles; Jeepable roads 5, total length 99 miles; Motorable roads 2, total length 8½ miles.

(b) During the first three years of Five Year Plan, expenditure incurred on roads amounted to nearly ninety per cent. of the target for that period.

(c) and (d). Through voluntary labour in community project areas approximately 50 miles of fair weather roads, 1 mile of jeepable road and 14 bridges have been constructed and about 100 miles of roads repaired or improved. Out of these approximately 16 miles of roads were constructed during 1952-53 and the rest during 1953-54.

#### NEW POST OFFICE IN MALNAD

\*543. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received by Government to open more Post Offices in the Malnad area; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

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

(b) 22 Post Offices were opened in Malnad area during the last 2 years. Nine new Post Offices are proposed to be opened there during 1954-55 and 6 Post Offices during 1955-56.

इस शिष्टियों के भुगतान में विलम्ब

\*५४४. श्री सिंहासन सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पहली जुलाई १९५४ को ओ० टी० रेलवे के ऐसे सेवानिवृत्त और मृत कर्मचारियों के कितने मामले थे, जिन की इस शिष्टियों का भुगतान नियमों के अधीन विहित अर्थात् के बाद भी बकाया है ;

(ख) भुगतान में इस विलम्ब के कारण क्या है , और

(ग) नियमों के अधीन किस अर्थात् के भीतर सामान्य रूप से ऐसी इस शिष्टियों का भुगतान कर दिया जाना चाहिये था ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 539.

(b) In 216 cases various documents are still to be produced by the claimants. In 93 cases Departments have not yet finalised outstanding debts against or dues in favour of employees. In 34 cases, Provident Fund accounts and service records are held up with Pakistan Railways. 196 cases are at present with the Accounts Department for verification and payment.

(c) Normally Provident Fund dues should be paid within two months.