

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN MADHYA PRADESH

*1534. **Shri N. A. Borkar:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the national highways that pass through the Madhya Pradesh State;

(b) whether it is a fact that some more roads are proposed to be taken over by the Government as national highways;

(c) if so, the names of those roads; and

(d) the amount that has been sanctioned during the year 1954-55 for the maintenance of National Highways in the Madhya Pradesh State, specifying the allotment for each road?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 6.]

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Rs. 21.00 lakhs. Information regarding the amount earmarked for each road has not yet been received from the State Government.

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*१५३६. श्री एम० एन० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभागीय चुनाव की परीक्षाओं में हिन्दी भी एक विषय है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो क्या सरकार का विचार है कि इस विषय को भी परीक्षा में सम्मिलित कर लिया जाय ?.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Hindi is not included at present as a

subject for the departmental selection examinations conducted by Railways.

(b) The question is under Government's consideration and any decision in this context will be taken for the Central Government employees as a whole.

STRIKE IN FOREIGN OWNED FIRMS AND PLANTATIONS

912. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of strikes that took place in foreign owned firms and plantations in India during the period from January to June 1954;

(b) what were the reasons for these strikes and what were their results; and

(c) the total number of employees affected and the work-days lost as a result of these strikes?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). Statistics of work stoppages in foreign-owned firms and plantations are not available separately.

TELEGRAPH FACILITIES FOR RAJASTHAN TEHSIL HEADQUARTERS

913. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question No. 118 asked on the 5th March 1954 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend telegraph facilities to any of these 95 Tehsil Headquarters in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, where?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Of the 95 Tehsil Headquarters four have been provided with telegraph facilities. In addition, sanction for provision of telegraph facilities to 38 more places has been issued. Proposals for extension of facilities to