

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) From the information available it seems that a steam operated prime-mover has been designed and produced by a firm in England under a project of the National Research Development Corporation of the United Kingdom. A representative of the firm furnished certain details of the proto-type models to the Government of India. It was proposed to ask the manufacturing firm to supply one or two dozen proto-type models for laboratory and field trials. These have not yet been received.

(b) Yes, Sir, if the proto-type models are received from the manufacturing concern.

#### BOOKING OF HOSIERY GOODS

**\*1192. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the hosiery industry of Ludhiana had to face a crisis due to the stoppage of facilities of booking hosiery goods by the Mail trains?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** No. Traffic in hosiery booked as luggage is allowed to be cleared by Mail, Express and Passenger trains, except to Howrah by 74 Dn. Amritsar-Howrah Mail, and that booked as parcels is allowed to be moved by all Mail, Express and Passenger trains except 74 Dn. Amritsar-Howrah and 32 Dn. Frontier Mail trains.

#### P. & T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**\*1195. Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some regional Posts and Telegraphs Advisory Committees are not functioning in accordance with the procedure laid down for them; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some States like Rajasthan and Ajmer meetings of the Advisory Committees are not convened even at the expiration of a year's time?

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

(b) Not generally. In the Rajasthan Circle however, which was formed only last year the calling of meetings has been somewhat delayed because the question of periodicity of the meetings in this circle was under consideration.

#### LOCATION OF DIVISIONAL OFFICE IN ORISSA

**\*1202. Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 74 on the 17th November, 1953 regarding location of a Divisional Office in Orissa and state:

(a) whether Government have arrived at any decision in the matter; and

(b) if so the nature thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### KALIGHAT-FALTA RAILWAY

**\*1205. Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the amount of subsidy given to the Kalighat-Falta Railway company during the last three years;

(b) how the amount is determined;

(c) whether there is a proposal to take over this Railway;

(d) whether there is any scope for improvement in the Services of this Railway; and

(e) whether passenger fares on the Railway are proportionately higher than on the other suburban Railways?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 38.]

(c) No.