

POSTAL COMPLAINTS AT AGARTALA

*1335. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints registered at the General Post Office Agartala (Tripura) regarding non-delivery and irregular delivery of postal articles etc. during 1954; and

(b) the steps taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 81 (Eighty-one).

(b) Clerical and delivery staff has been increased. It is also proposed to open a separate Sorting Office to relieve the congestion and rush of sorting work at Agartala Post Office.

VENDING CONTRACTS

*1336. **Shri P. Subha Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern Railway has called for tenders for selling tea and light refreshments at certain stations fixing the licence fee from Rs. 500 to Rs. 6,000;

(b) if so, the basis on which the licence fee has been fixed and how it is to be utilised; and

(c) whether Government have ensured that the levy of heavy licence fee would not affect the prices of refreshments offered for sale?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Applications, not tenders, were invited by the Eastern Railway, for sale of tea and light refreshments at certain stations on the railway fixing the licence fees from Rs. 500 to Rs. 6,000 per annum according to the importance of the station.

(b) The licence fee is fixed taking into consideration the local conditions and other relevant factors including the volume of business. It is credited to general revenues and is not earmarked to be utilised for any specific purpose.

(c) The fees are not heavy and they are not such as to affect the prices of refreshments offered for sale.

IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS

*1337. **Shri Gadlingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilisers imported from abroad during 1954-55;

(b) the countries from which the fertilisers were imported and their cost; and

(c) how their cost compares with the fertilisers produced at the Sindri Factory?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) 94,000 tons.

(b) and (c). A statement furnishing the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 23.]

आँधीघरों का मुफ्त वितरण

*१३३८. श्री अजर सिंह डामर : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आदिवासियों में पेटेंट दवाइयों बांटने के लिये कोई धन राशि रखी गई है ,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस प्रयोजन के लिये कितनी राशि रखी गई है और उसका उपयोग कब होगा , और

(ग) मध्य भारत के आदिवासियों के लिये कितना अन्धश निश्चित किया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर): (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने आदिवासियों में पेटेंट दवाइयों को बिना दाम लिए बांटने के लिए अलग अलाटमैट नहीं किया है ।

(ख) तथा (ग): ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

*1339. **Shri Bimaladrasad Chulha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any difficulty has been experienced recently in the movement of fertilizers from Sindri Fertilizer Factory to Assam Tea Gardens on account of inadequate Railway transport facilities?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): It has not been feasible to meet fully the requirements of the Assam Tea Gardens for the transport of fertilizers from Sindri mainly due to the limited capacity of the riverine transshipment points and that of the Assam Rail Link route due to the extensive damages caused by floods and consequent restrictions on movement coupled with heavy departmental traffic for rehabilitation.

कड़ुओं का बुक किया जाना

*१३४४. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४ में कितने कड़ुवे गोरखपुर, फँजाबाद, बनारस डिब्बियों के स्टेशनों से बुक किये गये ।

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि, भोजपुरी समय कड़ुओं के पैर और मुँह सूओं से छँद कर नाथ दिये जाते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वे धूप में प्लेटफार्मों पर रख दिये जाते हैं और बिना पानी के तड़फते हैं ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अलगेसन):

(क) लगभग ९५,००० ।

(ख) उनके मुँह और पैर नहीं नाथे जाते लेकिन कभी कभी पैर बांध दिये जाते हैं ।

(ग) प्रायः उन्हें प्लेटफार्मों पर छायादार जगहों में रखा जाता है । एंसा कोई उदाहरण नहीं मिला है कि उन्हें पानी के बिना तकलीफ हुई हो ।

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS EXHIBITIONS

*1345. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many Arts and Crafts Exhibitions were held during 1954-55, so far by the various Postal Circles;

(b) whether any new exhibits have been added over and above those exhibited in the last International Posts and Telegraphs Exhibition held in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the expenditure has been incurred from the amenities and recreational funds?

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

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

ZOOLOGICAL cum BOTANICAL PARK

*1352. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 726 on the 10th March, 1955 and state whether there is any proposal to obtain the services of a foreign expert for the layout of the Botanical and Zoological Garden near Purana Qila in New Delhi?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Yes.

NEW RAILWAY LINE

*1354. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions for extending the Railway line from Jagadhri to Paunta area in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been noted for consideration while selecting new lines for construction during the Second Five Year Plan Period.

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

*1356. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to un-