

a month's salary as 'Pujah' or 'Dusserah' advance in October this year;

(b) if so, the total amount given as advance;

(c) in how many instalments it will be recovered; and

(d) the names of States in which this advance was given?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Advances were given of Rs. 50/- to all Class III and skilled staff and Rs. 30/- to all Class IV, semi-skilled and unskilled staff, of the Eastern and South Eastern Railways; also to such staff of the North Eastern Railway and Ganga Bridge Project, working at Calcutta. Similar advances were made to the staff employed in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works. All these advances were made against the salaries of the staff for the month of October 1955. The advances were paid before the commencement of the Puja Holidays.

(b) According to information available so far, the amount advanced was Rs. 99,15,592-3-0.

(c) The advance is recoverable in five equal monthly instalments.

Telegraph Offices

***800. Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state;

(a) when the Telegraph Offices are expected to be opened at Laukaha, Laukahi, Phulparas and Khataunabazar of Darbhanga District in Bihar; and

(b) the special reason for delay in their opening?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Telegraph Offices at Laukaha, Laukahi and Phulparas are expected to be opened by March, 1956. No sanction has been issued for a Telegraph Office at Khataunabazar.

(b) Delay in getting materials.

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*८०१. डा० राज सुमन सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान धार्याबर्त (पटना से प्रकाशित) के १ नवम्बर, १९५५

के अंक में प्रकाशित उस सूचना की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है जिस में कहा है कि बिहार सकिल के बहुत से डाक व तार कार्यालयों में जनता तथा डाक विभाग को धोखा देने के मामले हो रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई जांच की है ?

संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :
(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, हां ; यह सूचना अति-रंजित (exaggerated) है ।

Over-crowding in Trains

***802. Shri Tulsidas:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been made in respect of over-crowding of passenger trains between Ahmedabad and Abu Road, and Mahsana and Taranga Hill;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce one Janta train on this section;

(c) if so, from when; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the same?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes; on Ahmedabad-Delhi section, on abolition of two passenger trains, one between Ahmedabad—Mahsana and the other Ajmer-Delhi.

(c) As soon as the necessary additional coaches and locomotives can be made available for the purpose which is expected sometime in 1957.

(d) Does not arise.

Regional Posts and Telegraphs Advisory Committee

***803. { Sardar Hukam Singh:
Shri Bahadur Singh:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Regional Posts and Telegraphs Advisory Committees for Punjab, PPSU and Delhi met during 1955;

(b) the subjects discussed at the meetings; and