

on account of import of sugar during the First Five Year Plan period is as follows :

1951-52.....	Nil
1952-53.....	Nil
1953-54.....	Rs. 5.76 crores
1954-55.....	Rs. 34.43 ,,
1955-56.....	Rs. 9.21 ,,

(b) Since the entire quantity purchased in a particular year could not be imported and sold in the same year, figures of profits have not been worked out separately for each year. About one lakh tons of imported sugar is still to be disposed of. The total profit on the entire quantity of sugar when disposed of may amount to something like Rs. 8 crores.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under consideration a scheme for starting an Information Service in the telephone exchanges ; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter is ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :
(a) Yes, in some large exchanges.

(b) The matter is still under consideration.

EFFICIENCY SQUADS ON RAILWAY

***273. { Shri Gadilingana Gowd :
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state when the efficiency squads on various Railways will be started and the estimated cost thereof ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : The matter is under examination by individual Railways.

TUBEWELLS

***274. Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Site Selection Committee for the exploratory tube-wells have visited the States of Punjab and PEPSU ; and

(b) if so, the sites selected for the purpose ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बौद्ध यात्रियों को यात्रा सम्बन्धी सुविधायें

***२७५. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि विदेशी बौद्ध यात्रियों को यहाँ दी जाने वाली यात्रा सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं का प्रचार करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ताकि उन्हें इस प्रकार की सुविधाओं का पता चल जाये ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्रों के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : जिन रियायतों के देने का फैसला किया गया है उनकी घोषणा कुछ दिन पहले एक प्रेस नोट द्वारा कर दी गयी थी। इस प्रेस नोट की प्रतियाँ दिल्ली में रहने वाले विदेशी प्रेस प्रतिनिधियों को दी गयी थीं। इन में उन देशों के कुछ प्रेस-प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल हैं जहाँ बौद्ध अधिक संख्या में रहते हैं। दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के देशों में प्रचार के लिये इस प्रेस नोट की सूचना इन देशों के भारतीय दूतवास के सूचना केन्द्रों (Information Posts) को भी भेज दी गयी है।

HOWRAH BURDWAN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME

***276. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 320 on the 1st December, 1955 and state:

(a) the progress so far made in the work of electrification of Howrah-Mandal-Burdwan section ; and

(b) whether the Railway Board have considered the advisability of accelerating the pace of progress in view of the fact that collieries in the region

of Bihar/Bengal have to step up their production of coal considerably under the Second Five Year Plan ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) Contracts for electric locomotives, electric coaches, substations, overhead equipments, transmission lines and structures have been placed. Foundation work in connection with overhead structures is on hand, about 3 miles of which is already completed.

(b) It is not possible to accelerate the progress as stock and equipment have to be imported and the best deliveries have been obtained.

COMMEMORATION POSTAGE STAMPS

***277. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to issue special postal stamps bearing the figures of the 1857 heroes, such as the Rani of Jhansi and others, to commemorate the War of Independence of 1857 ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : The matter is under consideration of Government.

FASTER TRAIN SERVICES

***278. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce faster trains on certain trunk routes in near future ; and

(b) which are the main trunk routes on which faster trains will be introduced ?

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

(b) The long term tentative plan is to introduce a fast service on each of the three main trunk routes viz., Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Bombay and Delhi-Madras.

** See note below cols 427 and 428

DALMIA-JAIN AVIATION LTD.

***279. Shri Feroze Gandhi :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) how many aircraft were owned by the Dalmia-Jain Aviation Limited ;

(b) the number of aircraft purchased by the Indian Airlines Corporation from the Dalmia-Jain Aviation Limited ; and

(c) the air services, scheduled or non-scheduled, operated by the Dalmia-Jain Aviation Limited ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) **16 aircraft stood registered at one time in the name of this firm, but the number owned by them at the time of nationalization of this industry was 4.

(b) One.

(c) The company operated scheduled air services on the route Delhi-Srinagar in 1948-49. Most of the non-scheduled operations by this company were undertaken in Bengal-Assam area. In the latter part of 1947 and beginning of 1948 they undertook large scale operations to and from Jammu and Kashmir State, and also participated in evacuation operations in the post-partition period. The company did not operate any scheduled services after 30-6-1949 and non-scheduled services after the 18th February, 1952. Its licence for scheduled services expired on the 30-6-1949 and its permit for non-scheduled services on the 30-9-1952.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE IN BEGUN

***280. Shri U. M. Trivedi :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether promise to open telegraph office in Begun by October, 1954 has been fulfilled ; and

(b) the number of new telegraph offices opened in Chittorgarh district between 1950-55 ?