

(b) if so, at what stage it stands now; and

(c) how long it will take to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, a new line from Kalkalighat to Dharmanagar in Tripura is under construction.

(b) Overall progress is 4 per cent upto the end of March, 1962.

(c) The line is expected to be opened to traffic by March 1963.

**P. & T. Offices in J. & K.**

632. { **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:**  
**Bakshi Abdul Rashid:**  
**Shri Gopal Dutt:**

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to open new post offices and telegraph offices in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir State during this year; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes.

(b) Postal.—76 rural post offices are proposed to be opened this year.

Telegraph.—Two Telegraph offices, at Mendhar and Gurez, have been sanctioned and these are likely to be opened during this year. Other proposals are under examination.

**Promotion of S.C. and S.T. Employees in Railways**

633. **Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the number of **Scheduled Caste** and **Scheduled Tribe** employees in **Railway Board** and different **Railways**, separately who have been promoted as a result of reservation in promotions in different categories of

employment separately since the said reservation was made?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** The orders regarding reservation in selection posts only apply to Railways. The Railway Board's office as such is governed by instructions issued from the Ministry of Home Affairs for Secretariat staff.

The information pertaining to the Railways is as under:—

	Sch. Castes	Sch. Tribes
Promotions from Class IV to Class III	2,749	376
Promotion from grade to grade within Class III	1,022	88
Promotion from Class III to Class II	27	5

**Shifting of Asstt. Commercial Supdt.'s Office from Titilagarh**

634. **Shri Mallick:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Office of the Assistant Commercial Superintendent of Titilagarh under South Eastern Railway is proposed to be shifted to Waltair; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) The Office of the Assistant Commercial Superintendent, Titilagarh was transferred to Waltair about 6 months ago when the post of Assistant Commercial Supdt., Titilagarh was upgraded to that of District Commercial Superintendent and transferred to Waltair.

(b) Before the upgrading of the post of A.C.S. Titilagarh to District Commercial Superintendent, the Transportation and Commercial organisations of Waltair District were under the control of a District Traffic Supdt., headquartered at Waltair.