

date are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No 43.]

POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS OF TRIPURA

488. Shri Dasaratha Deb: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how many post offices are there in the rural areas of Tripura?

(b) How much time does it take for postal articles to reach Dharmanagar and Sabsoom from Agartala?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 8.

(b) Mails leaving Agartala at 7 A.M.

reach Dharmanagar at 12 noon on the 3rd day and those for Sabsoom leaving at 12 noon reach there at 5 P.M. on the 3rd day.	}	Total time 53 hours.
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AGARTALA-UDAIPUR AND AGARTALA-SIDHAI ROADS

489. Shri Dasaratha Deb: (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how many accidents have taken place on the Agartala-Udaipur and Agartala-Sidhai Roads in Tripura in August and September, 1952?

(b) Are the above roads certified for heavy vehicular traffic?

(c) If not, how are vehicles allowed to pass on them?

(d) Are the roads under process of construction and if so, when did the construction begin?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) One on each road.

(b) No. The roads are classed as fair weather roads suitable for Class 9 traffic which includes the ordinary 5 ton lorry.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No. These are existing roads.

RAILWAY PASSENGERS

490. Shri Telkikar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the passenger miles per route mile per day for broad gauge in the year 1951-52 (in class I Railways) in India;

(b) what is the proportion of the density of passengers in 1951-52 to that of 1940-41; and

(c) the proportion of the number of railway carriages used in 1951-52 to that used in 1940-41?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 4,524.

(b) 280:100.

(c) 104:100.

LIGHTSHIPS

491. Shri Telkikar: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any lightships owned by the Government of India; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, where are those used?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Government of India own two lightships. These are used in the Saurashtra-Kutch Lighthouse District. One is located at latitude 21 degrees 43'N longitude 72 degrees 18'E and the other at latitude 21 degrees 46'N longitude 72 degrees 15'E.

SINKING OF TUBE-WELLS IN RAJASTHAN

492. Dr. Jata-vir: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan have launched a programme of sinking tube-wells;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have sanctioned any amount to the Rajasthan Government either by way of grant or loan;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what amount has so far been sanctioned;

(d) how much progress has been made in the direction of sinking of tube-wells; and

(e) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether the Central Government propose to sanction grant or loan to the Rajasthan Government in the near future for the sinking of tube-wells?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) A loan of Rs. 2,25,000 has been sanctioned during 1952-53.