

to the following categories respectively—

- (i) the boys and girls belonging to the European and Anglo-Indian communities;
- (ii) the total number of children belonging to other communities;
- (iii) the number of children of Railway employees;
- (iv) the number of children of ex-Railway employees;
- (v) the number of children of ex-East Indian Railway employees; and
- (vi) the number of children of non-Railway employees?

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

(b) and (c). No. Commencing with the 1952 School session the tuition fees chargeable in the case of children of all ex-Railway employees of Government Railways is uniform and there is no distinction between ex-East Indian Railway employees and ex-employees of other Railways.

- (d) (i) 192.
- (ii) 188.
- (iii) 333.
- (iv) 1.
- (v) 1.
- (vi) 45.

बैलेरी जिले में रेल की पट्टी को उखाड़ने की घटनाएं

१३०४. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि (क) मार्च, १९५३, के अन्तिम सप्ताह में बैलेरी जिले में रेल की पट्टी को उखाड़ने की कितनी घटनाएं हुईं ;

(ख) इन घटनाओं के कारण रेलवे को कितनी क्षति हुई ; तथा

(ग) कितनी बार रेलवे पुलिस को सहायताार्थ बुलाना पड़ा ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) One case of removal of rail and four of removal of fish plates, bolts, steel keys, gate keys etc.

(b) Rs. 500/-.

(c) Four times.

TELLICHERRY RAILWAY STATION

1305. Shri N. P. Damodaran: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the remodelling work of the Tellicherry Railway station in the Southern Railway is likely to be completed?

(b) How long is it since the work started?

(c) Has there been any delay in the execution of the work and if so, what are the causes of delay?

(d) When will the remaining stages of the remodelling scheme be taken up?

(e) Does the scheme include the provision of an overbridge?

(e) Does the scheme include the for the remodelling and how much has been spent so far?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) By June 1953.

(b) About two and one fourth years.

(c) No.

(d) The entire work is being done in one stage.

(e) No.

(f) The work was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,15,521/-. During the course of execution, certain additional works have been found necessary, resulting in an increase in the original estimated cost. A sum of Rs. 2,46,623/- has so far been spent on this work.

RURAL POST OFFICES IN PUNJAB

1306. Prof. D. C. Sharma: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how many applications for opening post offices in villages or group of villages were received by the Post Master General of the Punjab during the year 1951-52?

(b) How many of these representations were accepted?

(c) In how many cases did the inhabitants of those villages agree to share the loss incurred by the Government?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 174

for opening post offices in villages having population of 2,000 or more, 118 in groups of villages with similar population, and 42 in single villages with population less than 2,000.

(b) 244 but post offices in 174 villages with population of 2,000 or more would have been opened, even if no applications were received.

(c) One.

MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

1307. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what amount was given to the Punjab State during 1952-53 to aid the "minor irrigation projects"?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

Grant ... Rs. 1.50 lakhs.
Loan ... Rs. 96.72 lakhs.

U.N.I.C.E.F.

1308. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Executive Board has made any allotment to India, recently?

(b) What are the main Centres in which the UNICEF assistance to India will be distributed?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The recent allocations to India will be distributed as follows:—

1. \$ 751,000 ... For Mother and Child Health Programmes in the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.
2. \$ 39,000 ... To initiate a Yaws Control Programme in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Hyderabad and Madras.
3. \$ 300,000 ... For the Provision of 1,500 short tons of skim milk powder for distribution in scarcity areas. The actual distribution will be decided upon later on the arrival of the supplies in India.

4. \$ 340,000 ... For the provision of nearly 2,200 tons of rice for distribution in scarcity areas as follows:

Madras	... 1,000 tons.
Bombay	... 1,000 tons.
Travancore-Cochin.	200 tons.

T. B. HOSPITALS

1309. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the total capacity of T.B. hospitals in India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The total bed capacity of tuberculosis hospitals, sanatoria, clinics and tuberculosis wards attached to general hospitals in India on 31st December 1952 was 12,982.

FIRE IN GODOWN AT DELHI MAIN STATION

1310. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a fire broke out in the Western Railway Lost Property shed in Delhi Main Station on the 5th April, 1953?

(b) How much damage is estimated by this fire?

(c) How long did the fire continue and after how many hours was it brought under control?

(d) What is the condition of the shed as well as the entire building at present?

(e) What are the organisations that helped to extinguish the fire?

(f) Are any figures available about the quantity of goods placed in the godowns?

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

(b) Rs. 50,000.

(c) The fire was noticed at about 16.45 hours and was brought under control after about 2½ hours.

(d) A portion of the building occupied by the Lost Property shed has been badly damaged and the rest of the building is intact.

(e) Local Municipal and Railway Fire Brigades.

(f) Particulars of goods stored in the shed are being collected.