

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BANARAS

511. **Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the places where telephone connections are proposed to be provided in the near future, in Rajasthan;

(b) whether any representation has been made in this respect; and

(c) whether some non-official bodies have requested for telephonic connections from Udaipur-Banswara and Banswara-Ratlam?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Public Call Offices are proposed to be opened at the following places in the near future:

- (i) Jaswantgarh
- (ii) Kankroli

Besides these, there are other proposals for opening of Public Call Offices under examination.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. During 1953-54, it is proposed to connect Banswara to Ratlam and to reconstruct the line from Udaipur to Banswara. In addition to these works, the opening of additional Public Call Offices along these routes will be taken up.

TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE, BANARAS

512. **Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary question to Starred Question No. 1175 asked on the 15th December, 1952 and state:

(a) the reasons for not reserving any seat in the Technical Training Centre, Banaras for the Scheduled Tribes candidates;

(b) the money spent so far on the trainees there;

(c) the number of trainees who have completed their course; and

(d) the number of those trainees who were employed by Government?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) The information that was supplied in answer to a supplementary question referred to by the Member on the point of reservation for Scheduled tribes has been found to be incorrect. As a matter of fact 5 per cent. of the seats are reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled tribes.

(b) Rs. 9,37,400/- (since the inception of the Training Schemes i.e. 1947-48 upto end of January, 1953).

(c) 1,538.

(d) the information is not available as there is no machinery at present to follow-up the careers of individual ex-trainees.

RAILWAY TRAINING SCHOOL AT UDAIPUR

513. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred question No. 657 asked on the 15th December, 1952 regarding the permanent transfer of the Railway Training School at Udaipur and state:

(a) in what period and in how many stages this transfer will be over;

(b) what amount of money has so far been spent upon the initial cost of equipment;

(c) what amount of money is being paid as rent annually to the owners of the present building in which the temporary school is going on;

(d) what sum is proposed to be paid as compensation for the acquisition of land so required for the construction of the new permanent building there; and

(e) what is the estimated cost of the proposed new building?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Railway Training School at Udaipur has been opened in the recent past to augment and supplement the training capacity of the Ajmer School so as to accelerate the training of the staff taken over from the ex-State Railways. For the next 15 to 18 months both the Schools will continue to function to expedite the training of the additional staff. The question whether the school is to be shifted from Ajmer to Udaipur as a permanent measure is under examination.

(b) Approximately Rs. 90,000/-

(c) Rs. 650/- per month for the building in which the School has been housed and Rs. 150/- and Rs. 100/- per month respectively for the buildings rented for housing the trainees.

(d) and (e). In view of the concluding portion of the reply to (a) above, no firm figures can be given at present.

RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSION, PANDU

514. **Shri Sarmah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before re-grouping of Railways there was some time a Railway Service Commission at Pandu to select candidates for Railway employment in class III and IV of the Assam Railways; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, does it continue to function now and if not, when and why was it discontinued?

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

(a) There was no Railway Service Commission at Pandu but there was a recruitment panel consisting of two officers to select staff for the Assam Railway.

(b) It was wound up on 11th February 1950 because of fall in rate of recruitment.

TAMLUK SUB-POST OFFICE

515. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working under Tamluk Sub-Post Office (West Bengal) on the 31st December 1949 and 1952 (year-wise); and

(b) the number of new Post offices that have come under its jurisdiction since 31st December, 1949?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 13 on 31st December 1949 and 31st December 1950; 16 on 31st December 1951, and 20 on 31st December 1952.

(b) 28.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN BUNDEL KHAND

516. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various irrigation projects completed or under completion in the Bundel Khand area of U.P.;

(b) what acreage of land is likely to be irrigated in addition to what is already irrigated before such projects came into operation;

(c) what is the total amount of money being expended in this connection by the Centre and by the State put together and severally;

(d) whether the Central investment is in the nature of a loan or what; and

(e) how many of the projects have already started operating either partly or wholly?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

PRIVATE LANDS (Bandhies)

517. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of constructing small *bandhies* on private lands at Government expense as tried in Bundel Khand division of U.P. have proved to be successful;

(b) the number of such *bandhies* constructed so far and the area made alluvial this way;

(c) whether the scheme is likely to give more yield per acre;

(d) if so, what percentage of cereal crops are likely to be increased in the area where the scheme is in application;

(e) whether special sums of money have been sanctioned by the Centre and the State for this purpose under the First Five Year Plan;

(f) if so, what they are;

(g) the conditions imposed upon the land-owner for such land improvement by Government; and

(h) the enhanced rates of revenue, if any?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (h). The information has been sought from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

There is a provision in the 5-Year Plan of the State for an expenditure of Rs. 46 lakhs for the construction of contour *bandhies* in Bundel Khand. In addition, provision has also been made for the construction of *bandhies* in Southern U.P. and contour guls in the hill districts of the State, in the lump sum provision made for these and other State Irrigation Projects of U.P.

RAILWAY LINES

518. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway lines which are under construction at present; and

(b) the estimated cost of construction of each of those lines?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The names of new lines un-