

(d) the number of reserved posts that lapsed for want of suitable candidates?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

POSTAL FACILITIES IN HILL DISTRICTS OF U. P.

1059. Shri Bhakta Darshan: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many new post-offices, telegraph offices, telephone exchanges and public call offices were opened in Dehra Dun, Garhwal, Tehri-Garhwal, Almora and Naini Tal Districts and at which places during 1952-53;

(b) the number of such offices closed down during the year 1952-53;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) how many of them are proposed to be opened in each of the above districts and at which places during 1953-54?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A list is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 28.]

(b) No office has been closed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Whatever Post and Telegraph Offices, telephone exchanges and public call offices will be justified under the policy adopted by the Government, and which has been given publicity in a press note issued on the 28th March 1953 (copy placed on the Table of the House in answer to Shri B. N. Roy M.P.'s Starred Question No. 1074 asked on the 30th March 1953), will be opened in due course. Details will be worked out by the Postmaster-General, U.P.

TRANSMITTER FOR AMRITSAR GOLDEN TEMPLE

1060. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee has requested the Government of India for permission to instal a special transmitter and run a separate broadcasting station in the Amritsar Golden Temple for transmission of special Kirtan (devotional music) and reading of scriptures?

(b) If so, do Government propose to grant permission for the same?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Government has received no such request.

(b) Does not arise.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

1061. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what number out of 45,22,964 who got registered with the Employment Exchanges throughout India, as stated in the information supplied in Serial No. 103 of the Statement showing action taken on assurances etc. given during the First Session of the House of the People, actually got employment; and

(b) what are the annual establishment costs of all the Employment Exchanges throughout India, together with the machinery necessary to keep them going on and other incidental charges?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) 12,64,948.

(b) The actual expenditure on Employment Exchanges incurred during the year 1951-52 was 42,02,800

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES

1062. Shri B. K. Das: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the rail mileages electrified during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the work for each of the above three years;

(c) the comparative running and maintenance costs per mile under the electrified system and the coal engine system; and

(d) the programme of electrification of railway lines for the year 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The total rail mileages electrified during 1950-52 and expenditure incurred thereon are as follows:--

	Mileage s	Costs
1950	Nil	Nil
1951	4.72	Rs. 4,42,283
1952	0.75	Rs. 63,000

(c) The comparative running and maintenance costs per B.G. train mile under electric and steam traction depend on the price of coal, density of