

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 42 on 31st March, 1952.

(b) The number of new post offices opened was as follows:—

1948-49	...	2
1949-50	...	1
1950-51	...	6
1951-52	...	1

(c) Of the 10 post offices opened from 1948 to 1952, eight are manned by extra departmental staff and two by departmental staff.

DEATHS DUE TO MALARIA ETC.

317. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the number of deaths in Indian Union during the last five years on account of (i) Malaria (ii) Tuberculosis (iii) Cholera and (iv) Small Pox?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 34]

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT DEORIA

318. Shri B. N. Roy: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether any scheme is under consideration for the installation of automatic system of telephone at Deoria?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No, Sir,

TOURIST TRAFFIC

319. Shri N. M. Lingam: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists that visited India during the last three years; and

(b) the income derived from tourist traffic in each year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) So far as information in respect of the year 1950 is concerned, attention is invited to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 160 given on the 19th November 1952. The number during 1951 and 1952 was about 20,000 and 25,448, respectively.

(b) The figures for 1950 are not available. As regards 1951 attention is invited to the reply to Starred Question No. 144 given on 20th February 1952. The results of the sample surveys conducted by the Reserve Bank 489 PSD.

of India referred to in the reply in respect of 1952 have not yet become available.

इलाहाबाद तथा बनारस के बीच रेल दुर्घटनाएं

३२०. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे।

(क) १९५१ तथा १९५२ के वर्षों में इलाहाबाद तथा बनारस के बीच बी० टी० रेलवे पर कुल कितनी दुर्घटनाएं हुईं, इनके लिए कौन जिम्मेदार था तथा इनके कारण क्या थे ;

(ख) उक्त दुर्घटनाओं के परिणाम-स्वरूप रेल विभाग को तथा जनता को कुरु कितनी क्षति उठानी पड़ी ; तथा

(ग) इन दुर्घटनाओं के लिये जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों को कोई दण्ड दिया गया अथवा नहीं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Four each in 1951 and 1952. All the four accidents which occurred in 1951 were due to the failure of mechanical equipment and no person was held responsible for them. Of the four accidents which occurred in 1952, one was due to the failure of mechanical equipment and another due to some obstruction having come between the wheels of the bogie and the track. No person was held responsible for these two accidents. The other two accidents were due to the wrong setting of points. In one case the Assistant Station Master and the Line Jamadar and in another the Assistant Station Master and the Pointsman were held responsible.

(b)—

	1951	1952
	Rs.	Rs.
Railway property	38,500	343
Public property	100	Nil

(c) Yes, in the last two cases referred to in part (a) of the question.

ACREAGE UNDER SUGAR-CANE CULTIVATION

321. Shri M. Islamuddin: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land under Sugar-cane cultivation in the States of U.P.,