

सतना, मेहर, नागोद, रीवा तथा सहजेल नागपुर मुख्यालय के क्षेत्राधिकार में स्थित हैं ; तथा

(ग) अगर निकट भविष्य में मुख्यालय रीवा आ रहा है तो क्या डाक तथा तार कर्मचारियों को अपनी पसन्द के मुख्यालयों में जाने का मौका दिया जाएगा ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). At present of the eight districts of Vindhya Pradesh, four namely, Tikamgarh, Datia, Panna and Chhatarpur are in the Uttar Pradesh Circle, the remaining four, namely, Satna, Shahdol, Rewa and Sidhi, being in the Central Circle. Maihar and Nagod are Tehsils of the Satna District.

For postal purposes, the four districts in Uttar Pradesh are included in the Bundelkhand Division with headquarters at Jhansi. It has been decided to transfer them to the newly constituted Rewa Division. The result of this transfer will be that the Post Offices in all the eight districts of Vindhya Pradesh will be under the control of one Postal Superintendent.

So far as the Telegraph and Telephone systems are concerned, the four districts now under Uttar Pradesh Circle are included in the Kanpur Engineering Division with headquarters at Kanpur, while the remaining four districts in the Central Circle are included in the Indore Engineering Division with headquarters at Indore. The possibility of effecting rearrangement with a view to placing all the eight districts in one engineering division will be examined.

The staff will be given the option of remaining in their present divisions, so far as possible.

#### POST OFFICES IN MYSORE

**744. Shri Madiiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices of different nomenclature in the State of Mysore;

(b) the amount of rent paid for use of private buildings as post offices; and

(c) the amount allotted for the current year for the construction of post offices in Mysore State?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 63]

(b) Rs. 76,722-12-0 per annum.

(c) Nil.

#### PRODUCTION OF RICE IN MANIPUR

**745. Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated tonnage of the produce of rice after the full harvest of November-December of 1952 in Manipur;

(b) whether the quantity of rice produced is sufficient for Manipur for the year 1953-54;

(c) whether there is any surplus rice for the year 1953-54;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, the amount of surplus;

(e) whether procurement of rice is being done by Government and if so, to what extent and at what rate?

(f) whether price of rice shows a steady downward trend there; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to prevent recurrence of scarcity conditions?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 83,000 tons.

(b) to (d). It is premature to forecast the situation in 1953-54.

(e) Yes. They expect to procure 1836 tons (50,000 maunds) of rice at the approved rate of Rs. 12 per maund for rice and Rs. 7/8/- for paddy.

(f) Since the commencement of the harvest in December last, the price of rice has been steady at Rs. 9 to Rs. 9/8/- per md.

(g) The export of rice and paddy from Manipur has been stopped for the time being and whatever rice is procured is kept in reserve to safeguard against scarcity.

#### NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

**748. Shri Achuthan:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total mileage of roads that will come under National Highways in Travancore-Cochin at the end of the Five Year Plan;