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

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(b) 152.

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(c) These are distributed to Railways to run in full rakes as far as possible for important train services over more than one Railway system.

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•303. Shri Buchhikotaiah: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be vpleased to state for how long the two experts manning the departments for the manufacture of dials and condensers in the Telephone Industries at Bangalore on contract basis are working?

(b) Are any instructions being given to Indian experts to manage these departments?

(c) What amount of money is being spent on these two experts?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The expert for the manufacture of dials has been obtained on a year's contract from 5th May, 1953. No expert has been obtained for the manufacture of condensers.

(b) Yes; an Indian Assistant Engineer has been placed as an understudy to the Expert.

(c) The expert for dial manufacture is on an annual salary of £1560 plus class 'D' passage from United Kingdom to India and back. A kit allowance of "Rs. 750 was also paid to him on arrival.

बिल्प्य-प्रदेश में नया रेल-पच

*३०४. भी आर० एस० तिवारी : स्था रेस मंत्री यह बतलान की क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हरपाल पुर स्टेशन को छतरपुर, "पन्ना तथा सतना से जोड़ने वाला रेल-पथ बनाने के लिये कोई भूमि परिमाप <mark>हु</mark>म्रा था ; तथा

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह परिमाप कव हुमा था मौर उसे पूरा करने का क्या विचार किया गया है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A Survey for a line from Harpalpur to Katni via Chattarpur was carried out in 1935, but as this project was not approved by the Central Board of Transport it was dropped.

डाक के टिकट

•३०५. भी आर० एस० तिवारी : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्वालियर, त्रिवांकुर-कोचीन तया हैदराबाद के टिकटों का चलना क्रमझ : कब से बन्द हो गया⊿है ;

(स) क्या केन्द्र के कोष में उपरोक्त राज्यों के टिकट बाकी हैं ; तथा

(ग) यदि हैं तो उनका मूल्यांकन क्या है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The postage stamps of the *ex*-Hyderabad State were withdrawn from 1st April, 1950 and those of Gwalior and Travancore-Cochin from 1st January, 1951 and 1st July, 1951 respectively.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 13.]

तार तथा टेलिफोन की सविवाएं

*३०६. भी आए० एत० तिवारी : (क) क्या संचार मंत्री यह बतलाने की