

रूपा करेंगे कि विन्ध्य प्रदेश के प्रत्येक जिले और तहसील के मुख्य स्थानों में तार तथा टेलीफोन लगाये जाने की कोई योजना है ?

(ख) यदि है, तो उसकी तफसील क्या है ?

(ग) विन्ध्यप्रदेश के जिलों तथा तहसीलों के प्रधान केन्द्रों में कब तक तार लगाए जा सकेंगे ?

(घ) लौड़ी चंदला, भजैगढ़, पवई तथा सीधी के पूरे जिले में कब तक तार लगाए जाएंगे ?

(ङ) छतरपुर, टीकमगढ़ तथा सीधी जिलों में टेलीफोन लगाये जाने की क्या योजना है ?

(च) यह योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित होगी ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Normally all schemes for provision of telegraph and telephone facilities should not involve any loss to the Government. A loss upto a limit of Rs. 500 P.A. is, however, permitted in the case of a new telegraph office, provided the population of the place is not less than 5,000 and if there is no other office within a radius of five miles. Proposals which do not fulfil these conditions are sanctioned only if they are guaranteed by the respective State Government or other parties. Any telephone scheme involving a loss would also have to be similarly guaranteed.

The cases relating to the district and tehsil stations in Vindhya Pradesh are being examined on this basis. The question of liberalising these conditions is, however, under consideration.

(c) and (d). All district headquarters stations in Vindhya Pradesh have telegraph facilities. Telegraph

facilities are also available at Ajaigarh where messages are transmitted and received on the telephone line to Panna. Regarding the tehsil stations which remain to be provided, the Vindhya Pradesh Government have been addressed for accepting the guarantee conditions.

(e) and (f). The proposals are under correspondence with the State Government regarding the guarantee terms. They will be sanctioned if the terms are accepted by the State Government.

SIGNALS AND TELEPHONES ON N. E. RAILWAY

*307. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some stations without signals and telephone connections on the North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to equip them fully like other Railway stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) All stations on the North Eastern Railway are provided with signals except flag Stations where Signals are not required. 254 Crossing Stations and 135 flag Stations have not yet been provided with telephones.

(b) Does not arise so far as the question of providing signals is concerned. Railway Control telephones are, however, being provided as and when required for operational reasons.

DISTURBANCES BETWEEN EGMORE AND TINNEVELLY

*308. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total amount of loss incurred by the Southern Railway owing to the recent disturbances caused during the second week of July, 1953 between Egmore and Tinnevely junctions?

(b) What steps have been taken by the authorities to prevent such disturbances in future?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No serious loss or damage to railway property has been caused.

(b) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to take necessary measures to prevent such occurrences.

RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT CUTTACK

*309. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a new remedy has been found against insect pests in the Central Rice Research Institute at Cuttack?

(b) Have steps been taken to popularise this remedy throughout India?

(c) Is the Research Institute carrying on further investigations on this remedy?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes; powdered rhizome of an indigenous semi-aquatic plant called 'Sweat flag' has been found very effective against pests of stored rice and paddy.

(b) This has been published in the annual reports of the Institute.

(c) Yes; further work is in progress.

DELIVERY OF MAILS AT BALODA BAZAR

*310. **Shri B. N. Misra:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that mails at Baloda Bazaar are delivered to addressees on the second or even on the third day of their arrival at the post office?

(b) If so, what steps have the Postal authorities taken for an earlier delivery?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Some of the articles were being delivered on the following day of their arrival and

if the next day happened to be a Sunday they were delivered on the third day, on account of the Rail and the mail motor timings.

(b) Additional staff has been sanctioned to avoid the delay and to expedite the delivery and endeavours are also being made to revise the mail motor timings.

POSTAL RATES ON BOOKS

*311. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the trend in the income from postage on book-packets since the enhanced rates have come into operation in the current financial year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The information is not available as no account is kept of the revenue derived from various items of traffic separately. But from the trend of traffic for the month of May, 1953 it would appear that the income is on the increase.

ननी स्टेशन के पास मालगाड़ी का पटरी पर से उतरना

१४०. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : (क) क्या रेलवे की ओर से यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि २ जून, १९५३ को उत्तर रेलवे के ननी स्टेशन के पास १००६ डाऊन मालगाड़ी पटरी पर से उतर गयी थी जिसके कारण बहुत हानि हुई ?

(ख) दुर्घटना होने के क्या कारण थे ?

(ग) पिछली बार कब उन रेलों की पांतों की जांच हुई थी ?

(घ) यात्रा आरम्भ होने के पहिले क्या गाड़ी के डिब्बों की जांच की गयी थी ?

(ङ) जब यह मालगाड़ी अलाहाबाद यार्ड में खड़ी थी तब क्या उसकी जांच की गयी थी ?