

House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 22.]

(b) Average income from Licence fees per year is Rs. 115.83 lakhs (approximately).

SALE OF POST CARDS AND STAMPS

31. Ch. Raghubir Singh: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the income derived from the sale of (i) the post cards; and (ii) postage stamps separately in 1951-52 and 1952-53?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the value of postage stamps and postal stationery sold during 1951-52 and 1952-53.

Separate figures for stamps and post cards are not available.

STATEMENT

The value of postage Stamps and Postal Stationery sold during 1951-52 and 1952-53.

1951-52	...	Rs. 21,33,17,154.
1952-53	...	Rs. 22,15,14,061.

BRIDGES ON JAMMU-PATHANKOT ROAD

32. Shri Ajit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amounts and the actual expenditure incurred on the construction of the following bridges on the Jammu-Pathankot Road:

- (i) Ravi Bridge at Madhopur,
- (ii) Basanter Bridge at Samba, and
- (iii) Ujh Bridge;

(b) the names of the agencies who constructed these bridges;

(c) the dates of commencement and completion of the construction of these bridges; and

(d) the authorities who designed these bridges?

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

(d). A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 23.]

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF EX-MYSORE STATE RAILWAYS

33. Shri B. Y. Reddi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 1289 asked on the 15th September 1953 and state whether the case against the two Class II officers of ex-Mysore State Railways has since been disposed off?

(b) If so, what punishment was awarded to them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

RURAL POST OFFICES IN U. P.

34. Shri Balmiki: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of post offices so far opened in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh in 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): During the period from 1st April, 1953 to 31st October, 1953 23 post offices were opened in rural areas in Uttar Pradesh.

COTTON PRODUCTION

35. Shri Balmiki: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total production of cotton in 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 in the different States in India?

(b) What steps have been taken by Government to make India self-sufficient in cotton production?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 24.]

(b) In 1950-51 Government of India in conjunction with State Governments