

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 36 cases of running train thefts have occurred between Mokamah and Kiul Junctions of the Eastern Railway from January to November, 1953.

(b) It compares unfavourably with the average for the same distance in other sections of the Eastern Railway.

(c) Watch and Ward staff have not been increased but combined, patrols by Watch and Ward detective, Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force have been introduced in the affected area and pickets have been posted at Tal, a station between Mokamah and Kiul, to pass trains through that station. With a view to guarding against boarding of trains by criminals, occasional joint raids are also being conducted.

JAMALPUR LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOP

692. Pandit S. C. Mishra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locomotives that have been assembled so far at the locomotive workshop at Jamalpur;

(b) what is the main business of the workshop now since the establishment of the Chittaranjan;

(c) the amount spent as remunerations per month in this workshop (i) for labour and (ii) for other staff;

(d) whether any amount has been spent on bonus or gratuity to sick labourers during the first ten months of 1953; and

(e) if so, what is the amount?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No locomotives are assembled in the locomotive workshops at Jamalpur. Between 1885-1923, however, 214 Broad Gauge locomotives were manufactured there.

(b) Main business of this workshop now is to give periodical overhaul to locomotives and it was so even before the establishment of Chittaranjan Locomotive Building Works.

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(c) Labour:

	Rs.
Salary	6,78,594
Dearness Allowance	4,34,870

Other classes :

Salary	1,03,444
Dearness Allowance	21,436

This is based on the average figures for the first 10 months of the year 1953, i.e., January 1953 to October 1953.

(d) There is no procedure of paying any bonus or gratuity to sick labourers on the Railways. Only hospital leave salary is paid to the workmen, who are injured on duty and who remain on the sick list as a consequence of that.

(e) The total amount paid to the sick labourers on account of the Item (d) above, during the first 10 months of the year 1953, i.e., January 1953 to October 1953, was Rs. 14,171/4/-.

ROAD-RAIL BRIDGE NEAR MAHE

693. Shri N. P. Bamodaran: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to convert the railway bridge near the French Indian Settlement Mahe into a combined road-rail bridge and to divert the west coast road to steer clear of Mahe?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, at what stage does the proposal stand at present?

(c) Is there any proposal to provide a level-crossing at Peringadi near Mahe on the Kallai Chokli road and if so, whether any decision has been taken?

(d) Have Government received any report from the Government of Madras regarding the above two proposals?

(e) If so, are Government in a position to state the recommendations of the State Government?

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

(b) Work is in progress.

(c) The work of providing a level-crossing at Peringadi is also in progress.

(d) and (e). The Ministry of Railways have received no communication from the Madras Government in this connection.

बीकानेर डिबीजन में नये डाकघर

६९४. श्री पी० एल० बास्पाल : क्या संघरक्ष मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) १९५२ तथा १९५३ में बीकानेर डिबीजन में कितने नये डाकघर बनाये गये हैं ;

(ख) उक्त कालावधि में कितने डाकघर खोले जाने की मांग की गई थी ; तथा

(ग) १९५३-५४ में कितने डाकघर खोले जाने का विचार है ?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) —

Year	No. of P. Os. opened in Bikaner Dn.
1952	63
1953	14

(b) —

Year	No. of requests received
1952	54
1953	47

(c) 23.

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६९५. श्री पी० एल० बास्पाल : क्या संघरक्ष मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे

कि १९५३-५४ में बीकानेर डिबीजन में कितने टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज खोले जाने का विचार है और कहां कहां ?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): One (Shri Ganganagar).

बिहार में चावल की वसूली

६९६. पंडित एस० सी० मिश्र : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष १९५२-५३ में बिहार में कितना चावल घान-उद्ग्रहण (पैडी लेवी) के अन्तर्गत वसूल किया गया ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The procurement of paddy through levy on agriculturists was abandoned in Bihar in 1952. During the Kharif year-1952-53, i. e., from 1st November 1952 to 31st October 1953, the Bihar Government procured about 21,000 tons of rice in certain surplus districts on monopoly purchase basis.

GRAM SEVAK CENTRES IN ANDHRA

698. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names of centres opened in the Andhra State to train Gram Sevaks or village level workers?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): One Extension Training Centre for training Village Level Workers is functioning at Peddapuram, in East Godavari District of Andhra State, since 8th December 1952.