

(b) the number of aerodromes that are not in operation at present; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to revive the Ulundurpet aerodrome in South Arcot District for civilian use in view of the working condition of the aerodrome?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 27.

(b) 17.

(c) No, Sir.

#### CHILLIES AND ONIONS

**435. Shri P. Ramaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the present prices of tamarind, chillies and onions in the main produce markets of Hyderabad, Andhra and Madras and the corresponding prices for last year?

(b) Was any representation received from the Hyderabad Government requesting the Central Government to ban exports of these commodities from the State in view of the abnormal rise in their prices?

(c) Have Government taken any measures to check the rising prices of these articles?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kildwad):** (a) A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 64.]

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government of India did not agree to the imposition of ban on export of tamarind, chillies and onions from Hyderabad State, as the

ban would have affected other areas adversely. They however allowed only restricted exports of chillies and onions from the country during the half year July-December, 1953 and also announced on 30th October, 1953 that exports of these commodities would not be allowed in the first half of 1954 unless their prices came down visibly. No such steps were taken for tamarind, but a watch was kept on its prices. Though compared to March, 1953, the prices of tamarind in Andhra, Hyderabad and Madras during March, 1954 were higher, of late tamarind prices have shown a significant declining trend.

#### गाजीपुर जिले में डाक घर

४३६. श्री एच० पी० सिंह: क्या संसार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५२ से गाजीपुर जिले में कितने नए डाकघर खोले गए और कहाँ कहाँ ?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** Nine post offices were opened in Ghazipur District since 1st January, 1952 at places named below:

1. Belapur.
2. Bhagirathpur.
3. Kusi.
4. Nagsar.
5. Sujnipur.
6. Yubrajpur.
7. Bijaura.
8. Pali.
9. Gandhinagar.