

Centre building at Jubbulporc has been completed; and

(b) if so, when the equipment will be fitted?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The building is almost complete except for some minor works which are expected to be completed during the current year.

(b) The work of shifting the equipment to the new building is likely to start by January 1955 and completed by March 1955.

AIRCRAFTS FOR AIR CORPORATION

347. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number, types and capacity of aircrafts imported for the two Air Corporations in the year 1953 and upto May, 1954; and

(b) the cost of these aircrafts?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No aircraft were imported by the air corporations during 1953 or upto May, 1954.

EXPLOSION ON NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

348 { **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 332 Down (North-Eastern Railway) caught fire due to a cracker used by a marriage party between Rajpatti and Janakpur Road stations in the last week of May 1954;

(b) whether due to panic, a number of persons jumped out of the running train and were seriously injured; and

(c) if so, the number of persons injured thereby?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The fire was caused by a lighted bidi

or match carelessly thrown into a basket which contained crackers.

(b) and (c). Three persons jumped out of the running train and sustained simple injuries.

RAILWAY BOOKING OFFICES

349. Ch. Raghubir Singh: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway authorities organised special drives and surprise checks at stations and booking offices during 1953-54 to ensure that the booking offices were opened in time;

(b) if so, the names of the stations in the Northern Zone where such surprise checks were organised; and

(c) the action if any taken against the defaulters?

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

(b) Such checks were carried out at almost all important stations.

(c) Disciplinary action was taken against the staff found at fault.

FIROZABAD RAILWAY STATION

350. Ch. Raghubir Singh: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Administration has acquired some plots at Firozabad Station (Northern Railway) for the construction of staff quarters;

(b) if so, the number of quarters proposed to be constructed and the date by which the construction work is likely to commence; and

(c) the cost of these quarters?

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

(b) and (c). Between 25 and 27 units during the next few years at an estimated cost of just over a lakh.