

(b) whether sanction for prosecution of the said officer was sought for, after investigation, by the Special Police, Government of India;

(c) whether it is a fact that a departmental inquiry was ordered instead and has recently been concluded;

(d) whether the said officer was under suspension during the pendency of the inquiry; and

(e) the action that is being taken by Government on the findings so far made?

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

(d) No.

(e) The Enquiry Officer held that the Deputy Shipping Master, Calcutta, did not commit any misconduct as a public servant either in respect of payment of Post-war Credit money, or in connection with the drawal of overtime fees by himself and other officers and clerks of the Shipping Office, and recommended that no action should be taken against him. The findings and recommendations of the Enquiry Officer have been accepted by the Government of India and orders issued to that effect. Orders have also been issued overhauling the system of payment of overtime fees.

#### FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE BANK

**\*1105. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Farmers' Co-operative Bank in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have approached the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the reactions of the State Governments in the matter?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) A very tentative proposal for constituting a National

Trust for farmers, instead of a Farmers' Bank was mooted at the conference of the State Ministers of Agriculture, Co-operation etc. and some selected farmers, held at Srinagar in July, 1954. The suggestion is being examined.

(b) Not yet, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### TELEGRAPHIC CONNECTION IN ORISSA POST OFFICES

**512. Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the State of Orissa provided with telegraph facilities during 1953 and upto 31st August, 1954; and

(b) the number of the post offices in that State which have yet to be provided with telegraph facilities during 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Five in 1953.

Ten from 1st January 1954 to 31st August 1954.

(b) Forty-seven.

#### ANTI-MALARIA OPERATIONS IN THE PUNJAB

**513. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) in which district of the Punjab the spraying of D.D.T. and other anti-malarial operations have been conducted; and

(b) the number of villages covered so far under the anti-malarial campaign and the quantity of D.D.T. sprayed there?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Four malaria control units were deployed in the following districts of the Punjab, during 1953-54:

1. Gurgaon.

2. Rohtak (Gohana and Sonapat tehsils only).

3. Karnal.
4. Ambala (Rupar and Jagadhri tehsils only).
5. Ferozepur.
6. Ludhiana.
7. Amritsar.
8. Gurdaspur.
9. Kangra (Iadaura thana of Nurpur tehsil only).

(b) During 1953, 2,526 villages were sprayed with D.D.T. by these four units and 2,06,633 lbs. of D.D.T. 75 per cent. wettable powder were consumed

Anti-malaria Operations were resumed in the middle of June, 1954, and 499 more villages were sprayed with D.D.T. up to the 30th June, 1954 and 32,092 lbs. more of D.D.T. 75 per cent. wettable powder were consumed.

#### NEW P. AND T. OFFICES IN THE PUNJAB

**514. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices and telegraph offices—Departmental and extra-Departmental separately—opened in the Punjab during 1952-53 and 1953-54 district-wise;

(b) the number of such offices opened by Government on their own initiative and the number of those opened on the assurances given by the local population that they would meet the loss, if any;

(c) the number of post offices and telegraph offices proposed to be opened in the Punjab during the year 1954-55 and at what places; and

(d) the tehsils and police stations in the Punjab where there are no post offices or telegraph offices?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The information is in the process of collection and will be furnished as soon as it becomes available.

(c) 105 post offices and 27 telegraph offices are proposed to be opened during 1954-55 in the Punjab. A statement showing the names of the places is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 58.]

(d) There are no Tehsil Headquarters in the Punjab State without Post and Telegraph facilities. There are 60 Police Stations without Telegraph facilities. A statement showing the names of such police stations is placed on the Table of the House. There are only two Police Stations, Butana in Karnal District and Chappar in Ambala District, without postal facilities.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN THE PUNJAB DISTRICTS

**515. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges and public call offices opened in 1953-54 in the districts of Hoshiarpur, Kangra and Gurdaspur;

(b) whether any of these offices have since been closed down;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of such offices in these three districts at the end of 1953-54?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 3 public call offices were opened in Hoshiarpur, 1 in Kangra and 4 in Gurdaspur during 1953-54. No telephone exchanges were opened in any of these places during this period.

(b) None of these offices has been closed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) One telephone exchange and 14 Public Call Offices were existing on 31st March 1954 in Hoshiarpur District, 1 exchange and 9 Public Call Offices in Kangra and 3 exchanges and 20 Public Call Offices in Gurdaspur.

#### CENTRAL ROAD FUND

**516. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Bombay State during the year 1954-55 from the