

the remaining places are under examination.

(b) The offices opened are Baswa, Khandar Bilara and Sikrai.

The offices sanctioned are Pindwara, Nawai, Talera, Bari Sadri, Chaksu, Phagi, Todaraisingh, Patan, Jahazpur, Badnor, Rajaji Ka Karera, Mandrail, Siwana, Mandal, Rajkhera, Nawa, Raipur, Chipa Barod, Lunkaransar, Sangod, Asind, Amet, Hindoli, Pachpahar, Itawa, Kanawas, Thanagazi, Bairath, Baseri, Weir Dilgod, Atru, Manoharthana, Aspur, Nadoti, Bamanwas, Taranagar Reni, Pachpadra City.

QUARTERS FOR R. M. S. STAFF

914. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residential quarters are proposed to be built at Sakrigalighat, Maniharighat and Siliguri for R.M.S. Staff; and

(b) if so, the approximate time when the construction of quarters is expected to start?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The question of construction of residential quarters for the R.M.S. staff at Maniharighat has already been taken up with the Railway authorities and the proposal is under examination. Every effort will be made to expedite the work.

The residential quarters recently constructed at Sakrigalighat have not yet been made over to this Department by the Railways. The Railway authorities have been requested to hand over vacant possessor. of the same to this Department as quickly as possible and the matter is being vigorously pursued.

As regards Siliguri, the question of acquisition of a site is under negotiation and the matter is being actively pursued. The construction of quarters will be expedited as soon as the site is acquired.

HOWRAH RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

915. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building at Howrah where the Railway Mail Service was housed, was vacated by that department in February, 1951, with a view to constructing a new building there, but its construction has not yet started; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. The building was, however, vacated in January, 1952, and not in February, 1951.

(b) While the plans for this building were under examination, the B.P.O. Mechanisation team had recommended some modifications, with a view to provide mechanised arrangements. The plans had, therefore, to be further amended and were approved in December, 1953. The revised estimate is now under scrutiny and steps are being taken to issue sanction to the project expeditiously.

बाढ़ पीड़ितों को सहायता

९१६. ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बाढ़ पीड़ित रेलवे कर्मचारियों को सरकार ने किस प्रकार की सहायता देने का निश्चय किया है; और

(ख) ऐसे कर्मचारियों को सहायता देने का निश्चय कहां तक कार्यान्वित किया गया है?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Railway Staff affected by the recent floods on the North Eastern Railway have been granted advance of three months' pay recoverable in 36 monthly instalments. The temporary staff who are not able to produce sureties from permanent employees have been granted an advance of a month's pay and an