

Waiting Room and the Refreshment Room of Darbhanga Railway Station (North Eastern Railway) although electric power is available there; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The existing railway generating set is a small and old set working only during night. There is no capacity available on this set to connect any additional fan load at present. The re-modelling work of the Darbhanga Station is programmed for the year 1955-56 and negotiations for the required additional power are being carried on with Bihar Government. It is expected that by next summer fans would be provided in the Waiting and Refreshment Rooms.

SYRI POST OFFICE

791. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of business transacted on the average monthly by the extra-departmental Branch Post Office, Syri, Patiala Circle since the integration of the Postal Service in Pepsu with the Centre; and

(b) the expenditure met by the Department on the maintenance of this Post Office, each year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Average monthly business transacted in Syri Extra Departmental Branch Office:—

	Regd. Parcels	M.Os	Unregistered Letters	letters
Receipt	25	25	75	875
Despatch	25	25	375	

(b) The average yearly cost of Syri Extra Departmental Branch Office is Rs. 2145-12-0.

HEADQUARTERS OF R. M. S. DIVISION

792. { **Shri Lokenath Mishra:**
Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any R.M.S. Division allotted to any part 'A' State, the Headquarters of which are located in another State;

(b) if so, the name of that State and the name of the place where its R.M.S. Division is located; and

(c) the reasons for such an exceptional dispensation?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No R.M.S. Divisions are allotted to any States. The Headquarters of R.M.S. Division serving a State may therefore be in or outside that State.

(b) The Headquarters of R.M.S. 'C' Division under the control of Bihar Circle and 'N' Division under the control of Orissa Circle are located at Calcutta.

(c) The location of many mail offices in and near about Calcutta and the importance of Calcutta as terminus of important railway lines have necessitated the Headquarters of the R.M.S. Divisions being located at Calcutta to ensure proper supervision and control over the divisions and liaison with the railway authorities.

AIR TRAVEL CONCESSION TO AGARTALA PILGRIMS

793. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government gave air travel concession to the Ganga *gnan-yatri*s of Tripura for travelling from Agartala to Calcutta last year;