

the safety of the mail line was not assured; (ii) suitable persons were not available to work as Extra Departmental Agents; and (iii) the cost exceeded the permissible limit of loss of Rs. 750 per annum?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 133. There are written protests only from the Managers of the 39 Tea Estates in West Bengal. There are no written protests in regard to the rest.

(b) Andhra.	1
Assam	93
West Bengal	39

These are situated in Tea-Gardens and Managers of these Estates do not want a Post Office.

(c) (i)	7
(ii)	13
(iii)	23

#### दिल्ली राज्य डेयरी विकास

४२. { श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :  
श्री एस० एन० बास : क्या

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली राज्य सरकार की डेयरी विकास योजना के लिये कनाडा और न्यूजीलैण्ड द्वारा किस प्रकार की सहायता दी गयी है ;

(ख) इस प्रयोजन के लिये किन-किन देशों से मशीनरी आदि आयात की जायेगी ;

(ग) इस योजना के अन्तर्गत दूध से बनने वाली कौन सी वस्तुएं उत्पादित की जायेगी; और

(घ) वितरण के लिये क्या प्रबन्ध किया जायेगा ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). No assistance has actually been given by these countries but proposals are under consideration and a detailed scheme is being drawn up by the Delhi State Government.

#### नयी रेलवे लाइनें

४३. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्वतन्त्रता के पूर्व अथवा पश्चात् किन किन क्षेत्रों पर नयी लाइनें डालने की तजवीज की गई है, सर्वे किया गया है या दोनों काम किये गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या उन स्थानों पर विचार किया जा रहा है जहां आयोजित नयी रेलवे लाइनें डाली जायेंगी ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके कारण क्या हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). Surveys for over 4,000 miles of new Railway lines have been carried out during the post-war period. A list of new Railway lines opened to traffic after World War II and also those under construction at present is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 182.] Due to restricted resources, the programme for the construction of new lines had to be confined only to those falling under the following categories:—

(a) which were either of vital national importance or

(b) which were otherwise found inescapable taking into consideration the needs of particular areas, or

(c) which were considered essential for the agricultural, industrial and mineral development of the country in connection with the implementation of the First Five Year Plan.

#### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

44. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered with Employment Exchanges and those still seeking assistance through these Exchanges as on the 31st August, 1954 and 31st October, 1954, respectively; and

(b) whether there is a decline in the fresh registrations or renewals of registration?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** (a) Figures for October, 1954 are not yet available. The number of registrants on the last date of the three months preceding October, 1954 were:—

<i>Number of Registrants</i>	
On 31st July, 1954	5,88,837
On 31st August, 1954	5,99,360
On 30th September, 1954	5,90,538

(b) During July the combined number of fresh registrations and re-registrations increased by over 15,000 but in August it declined by over 30,000 and in September, by a further 5,000.

#### MERGER OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

**45. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1363 on the 27th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken to treat 50 per cent. of the dearness allowance of the employees of ex-Nizam's State Railway who have opted to retain pre-absorption terms and conditions of service, as dearness pay; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No.

(b) A decision in this matter has to be taken in consultation with the other Ministries concerned since Government as a whole is concerned. This consultation is in progress.

#### HINDI TIME TABLE

**46. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the All-India Time-Table in Hindi has since been published?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Yes; copies have been sent out to the Railways on the 15th November, 1954, to be put on sale to the public.

#### RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

**47. Shri S. K. Razmi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of goods trains involved in accidents during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1954;

(b) the total loss due to these accidents;

(c) the main reasons for the accidents; and

(d) the measures taken to stop the recurrence of such accidents?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be furnished later.

#### RAJA-KI-MANDI RAILWAY STATION

**48. Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shifting of the Raja-Ki-Mandi Railway Station on the Central Railway has started;

(b) if so, what portion of the work has been completed;

(c) how much money has been spent so far; and

(d) when the work will be completed?

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

(b) The work of providing platforms, circulating area and approach road, tonga and rickshaw stands, and