

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS OFFICES IN
PUNJAB

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

(a) the number of Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Punjab in August, 1947; and

(b) the number of Posts and Telegraphs Offices opened there (year-wise) since August, 1947?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 2,299.

(b) The figures are given below:

Period	Number opened
(i) August '47 to March '48	70
(ii) 1948-49	150
(iii) 1949-50	219
(iv) 1950-51	270
(v) 1951-52	143
(vi) 1952-53	79
(vii) 1953-54	156
(viii) April '54—December '54 .	49

TEZPUR-RANGIYA RAIL, LINK

399. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ballasting of the Tezpur-Rangiya Rail Link has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, when it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The section Rangiya-Rangapara is already sand-ballasted. The section Rangapara-Tezpur is earth ballasted and it is proposed to sand ballast this length.

(b) It is expected that the work of ballasting Tezpur section will be completed by the end of 1956.

रिक्शा कीचने कासे

३४४. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या कम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत-वर्ष में रिक्शा कीचने वालों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी है ?

कम उपमंत्री (श्री करिचप अली) : लगभग एक लाख और बचीत हजार ।

DACOTIES ON TRAINS

395. **Chaudhri Muhammed Shafiq:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) the number of thefts, assaults and murders committed in running trains in India, region-wise between the 18th January, 1954 and the 31st January, 1955; and

(b) the number of cases where the criminals were apprehended?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CATERING ON RAILWAYS

396. **Ch. Raghubar Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is marked difference in the rents of the vending stalls at Tundla, Kanpur, Allahabad, Aligarh, Delhi and Lucknow Stations;

(b) if so, the comparative figures of rents of the vending stalls on the above stations; and

(c) the reasons for such disparity?

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

(b) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 27].

(c) The reasons for disparity lie in the varying costs of construction of the stalls and also on whether the fees for the salesmen are included in the amount or are separately charged.

RAILWAY COACHES

397. **Ch. Raghubar Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the reasons for not attaching Inter and Second class compartments to passenger trains running from Agra to Farrukhabad or Tundla to Farrukhabad and vice-versa?