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PASSENGERS AMENITIES

16. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount spent for passenger amenities in the Bikaner Division of the Northern Railway during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 classified under the following heads:—

(i) amenities provided in the rolling stock e.g. fans, baths, etc;

(ii) remodelling of stations;

(iii) improvement of waiting rooms; and

(iv) construction of or improvement of platforms, overhead bridges, etc?

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

(In thousands of rupees)

	1952-53	1953-54
(i)	38	27
(ii)	1,40	13
(iii)	63	44
(iv)	2,08	2,87

NURSES IN LADY HARDINGE HOSPITAL

17. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nurses, in each grade, working in the Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) the scales of pay and other allowances in respect of each category;

(c) the hours of duty they put in every week; and

(d) the number of patients each nurse is in charge of, in various departments of the hospital, during duty-hours?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29].

(c) 56 hours a week by day.

48 hours a week when on night duty.

(d) On an average each nurse is in charge of 5·7 beds.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

18. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Co-operative Societies of Railway employees and vendors on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the facilities granted by Government for the efficient working and development of these Societies?

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

(i) Co-operative Credit Societies	4
(ii) Consumer Co-operative Societies	12
(iii) Co-operative Housing Societies	1
(iv) Co-operative Societies of Vendors	2

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 30.]

POST OFFICES IN MIDNAPORE DISTRICT

19. **Shri Hasda:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices operating in the Midnapore District in West Bengal;

(b) the number of post offices opened there in 1954-55 on an experimental basis;

(c) the names of these post offices that will be made permanent; and

(d) the names of the post offices that will be made permanent?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a)

Head Office	1
Departmental Sub Offices		42
Extra Departmental Sub Offices	..	4
Departmental Branch Offices		6
Extra Departmental Branch Offices	..	377
TOTAL		430

(b) 26 Experimental Branch Offices have already been opened there in 1954-55 so far and about 21 more post offices are expected to be opened during the remaining period of 1954-55.

(c) and (d). The names of post offices opened during 1954-55 are given below. Post Offices are made permanent when their annual loss comes down to Rs. 240 or less. It is difficult to anticipate now how many of these will be made permanent.

The income will be watched and the question of permanency taken up in due course.

1. Badalpur
2. Fulgeria
3. Dhangaon
4. Khiratya
5. Maitana
6. Midnapore Collectorate
7. Sankoa
8. Baligarja
9. Ratulya
10. Debipur
11. Kolonda
12. Patharpara
13. Kesiapada

14. Bankaghat
15. Siddha
16. Jalchak
17. Krishnaganj
18. Pirakata
19. Putputia
20. Contai Bazar
21. Eranda
22. Begunia
23. Kshelinda
24. Kullara
25. Saranga
26. Jhetla.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय कृषक-युवकों के आदान-प्रदान का कार्यक्रम

२०. डा० राम सुभग सिंह: क्या स्वाध सभा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय कृषक-युवकों के आदान-प्रदान के कार्यक्रम के अधीन इस वर्ष अमरीका को छात्राएं भी भेजी जायेंगी,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है, और

(ग) उनकी योग्यताएं क्या होंगी?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) 10.

(c) Unmarried girls between 20 and 28 years of age are eligible under this programme. Preference will be given to Graduates in Home Science. Candidates who have passed the Intermediate examination of any recognised University and possess experience in teaching or in Social Welfare work will also be considered.

परिवार-आयोजन

२१. डा० राम सुभग सिंह: क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि क्या यह सच है कि परिवार-आयोजन की कृत्रिम विधियां के परिणाम, उन स्थानों के लोगों के लिए बुरा