

(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. Kshilinda
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

एसी विधियां चालू की गई थीं, चातक सिद्ध हुए हैं ?

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मेंट के पास कोई एसी सूचना नहीं है।

LOCK-OUTS IN FACTORIES

22. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of working hours lost in 1953 and 1954 due to (i) lock-outs and (ii) strikes in factories; and

(b) the loss to factory owners and labour as a result thereof?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khan-dubhai Desai): (a) A statement giving the available information is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 31].

(b) No information is available.

NEW RAILWAY STATIONS

23. Shri Damar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 223 on the 19th November, 1954 and state:

(a) the names of the stations on the new railway line which is under construction from Dohad to Indore; and

(b) the names of the districts in which they are located?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). No new railway line between Dohad and Indore is under construction at present. A Preliminary Engineering and a Traffic Survey for providing a rail connection between these two places have, however, been carried out recently for two alternative routes—one passing through Jhabua and the other passing through Jobat. The survey reports are under examination.

EMPLOYMENT IN PLANTATIONS

24. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in Tea, Coffee and Rubber plantations in India in 1954 as compared to 1951;

(b) what percentage of these workers are estimated to have the minimum housing requirements; and

(c) the additional housing facilities, if any, made available to workers in the Plantation Industry since 1948 up to the end of 1954?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khan-dubhai Desai): (a) The available information is given in the statement attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 32].

(b) and (c). It was decided at the meeting of the Industrial Committee on Plantations held in 1950 that 8 per cent. of the workers resident in plantations should be provided with houses every year. However, some of the bigger gardens are regularly adding to the number of houses for workers.

SOIL PRODUCTIVITY

25. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far to maintain and improve soil productivity in India;

(b) the names of the institutions in which researches were carried on and experiments made for this purpose;

(c) what were the results of the cereal and legume rotations; and

(d) the parts of India in which these results were brought into use?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Research on various problems relating to soils and manures, extensive use of fertilisers compost and town refuse and greater use of green manure wherever possible has been undertaken. A brief statement showing the research work done under the auspices of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 33].