

(b) how the 'P' Division of the R.M.S. will be re-organised consequently?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) An R.M.S. Division has since been created for North Bihar with effect from 15th February 1955 at Patna. This division will, however, shift to its headquarters at Muzaffarpur as soon as a building is secured.

(b) This Division after re-organisation will control all offices and sections on the broad-gauge now in 'C' and 'P' Divisions, on the main and loop lines with the exception of Burdwan R.M.S., Serampur R.M.S., C-4 (Howrah-Burdwan) Section and four minor transit Sections C-29 (Howrah-Burdwan), C-30 (Burdwan-Kotwa), C-35 (Howrah-Tarakeshwar) C-44 (Burdwan-Asansol) which are being transferred to the Bengal Circle, as they are wholly in Bengal.

#### NEW POST OFFICES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

**33. Chaudhri Muhammed Shaffee:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Posts and Telegraphs Offices opened in Jammu and Kashmir State during the year 1954;

(b) the names of the places where these offices were opened;

(c) the total number of the staff recruited; and

(d) the expenditure incurred thereon?

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

Post Offices ... 49  
Telegraph Offices ... 3

(b) A list showing the names of the places is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 35].

(c) 15 Class III.  
9 Class IV.

(d) Rs. 24,560/-

#### VANASPATI

**34. Shri Nand Lal Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of Vanaspati purchased by Government for supply of ration to the troops in 1946-47, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** The quantities of Vanaspati purchased by the Government for use of troops were as follows:—

Year	Quantity
	(tons)
1946-47	13,014
1951-52	9,509
1952-53	8,760
1953-54	... 9,910

#### DELIVERY OF MAILS

**35. Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of Postal areas where mail is delivered once a week?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** There are 1,42,323 villages in India where mails are delivered only once a week.

#### POSTAL STAFF SHORTAGE

**36. Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shortage of staff in the post offices at district headquarters in the Punjab during 1953-54 and in 1954 up to December, 1954, in the various categories of employees; and

(b) if so, the period for which this shortage continued at each place?

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