

(b) how many such forms and receipts are still printed only in English?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a). For the present only such forms as are used by the public in their daily transactions will be printed in Hindi. There are 76 such forms and receipts (Postal 51, Telegraph 17, Telephone 2, General 6) of which six have already been printed in Hindi. The rest are in the process of being translated into Hindi in consultation with the Ministry of Education. P & T forms are not being printed in regional languages.

(b) About two thousand.

#### Defence Savings Bank Accounts

\*417 416. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the course of audit of the Defence Savings Bank transactions of a Head Post Office or the months of September to November 1947, it was noticed that in a batch of Defence Savings Bank Accounts, payments had been made twice;

(b) if so, what was the amount of overpayment; and

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for such withdrawals?

**The Minister of Communication (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes, in Meerut Head Post Office.

(b) Rs. 4,700 (approximately)

(c) Offenders have been convicted in a Court of Law and dismissed. Departmental action against others responsible for contributory negligence has been mooted.

#### Betwa River Bridge

\*417. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned the construction of a high level bridge over the Betwa river at Jhararghat on Jhansi-Saugar Road; and

(b) if so, when the construction will start and when it is expected to be completed and ready for use?

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

(b) The construction of the bridge is expected to be commenced shortly and completed in about two years.

#### बद्रीनाथ को रेल से जोड़ना

\*४१८. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या बद्रीनाथ धाम तक रेलवे लाइन बनाने की कोई योजना है?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अलगेसन): जी नहीं।

#### Ships

168. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the number of coastal and sea-going ships owned either by Indian concerns or concerns sponsored by Government which are more than twenty years old?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** 28 coastal vessels of 61,763 gross registered tons and one overseas vessel of 5191 gross registered tons.

#### Hide Flaying

\*169. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 752 on the 12th April, 1955 and state:

(a) the number of trainees at present receiving training at the Training Centre in Hide Flaying, etc. at Lucknow; and

(b) the conditions for admission of the candidates in this Centre?

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

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

#### Solar Eclipse

170. { **Shri Kamath:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Chaudhri Muhammed**  
**Shafee:**  
**Shrimati Ila Palchou-**  
**dhury:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report of their observations on the recent Solar Eclipse has been submitted by Indian Scientists and Astronomers as made in this country and in Ceylon; and

(b) whether Government will lay a copy of the report on the Table of the House?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) and (b). The observations on the Solar Eclipse of the 20th June 1955 made in this country and in Ceylon by the Indian scientists and astronomers are still being studied and it will take some time to analyse fully the observational data collected. A copy of the publication containing the results of the analysis will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, as soon as it is ready.

#### Sambalpur-Balangir-Titilagarh Rail Line

**171. Shri R. N. S. Deo :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 919 on the 14th March, 1955 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a preliminary engineering survey of the Sambalpur-Balangir section was done in 1946-47;

(b) whether the survey of the Sambalpur-Titilagarh project now undertaken will include also the survey of the Balangir-Sambalpur section, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

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

(b) No, Sir. Only the figures of the 1946-47 Preliminary Engineering Survey of the Balangir-Sambalpur portion are being revised. New survey has been sanctioned for Balangir to Titilagarh portion for which there is no existing survey.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Tube-wells

**172. Shri Karni Singhji :** Will the Minister of food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tube-wells sunk so far in Rajasthan (Division wise) under the "Grow More Food" Scheme; and

(b) the programme of sinking tube-wells during the year 1955-56 (District-wise)?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain):** (a). The number of tube-wells sunk so far in Rajasthan under the "Grow More Food" Scheme is eleven. These tube-wells have been sunk in the Jaipur Division.

(b). No programme for 1955-56 has yet been approved by the State Government.

#### Employment Exchanges]

**173. Shri Karni Singhji :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 124 on the 3rd March, 1955 and state :

(a) the number of Intermediates registered with the Employment Exchanges in Rajasthan from October 1952 to December 1954, year-wise.

(b) the number amongst them who got employment through these Exchanges during the above period; and

(c) the approximate number of those who could not be employed due to scarcity of posts?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) :** (a) and (b).

Year	No. registered	No. placed in employment.
1952 (Oct.-Dec.) .	106	5
1953 . . . . .	880	36
1954 . . . . .	990	119
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	<b>1,976</b>	<b>160</b>

(c) 256 Intermediates remained on the Live Registers of Exchanges seeking jobs, on the 31st December, 1954.

#### New Railway Lines

**174. Shri Radha Raman :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2323 on the 16th April 1955 and state :

(a) the approximate cost of laying two broad gauge lines near Delhi; and

(b) the benefits to be derived therefrom?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) (a).** It is presumed the hon. Member is referring to the two additional lines which