

held at Madras, cautioning the Railway Board not to enter into any agreement with the Vavavada group of Railwaymen an agreement has been arrived at on certain demands of the Railwaymen ;

(b) if so, the repercussion of the agreement on Railwaymen ; and

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw such items from the Tribunal on which agreement has been arrived at ?

• **The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** (a) The National Federation of Indian Railwaymen held no Convention at Madras.

At the meeting between the Railway Board and the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen held on 18th to 22nd July 1955, an agreement was reached on certain demands of railwaymen.

(b) The agreement referred to above, has had a favourable reception among railwaymen.

(c) Yes.

Conveyance of Mails from Rairangpur

1184. **Shri Subodh Hasda :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal authorities have stopped carrying Mails from Rairangpur to Baripada (Orissa) by bus service ; and

(b) if so, what alternative arrangements have been made for quick delivery of mails at the above places ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) No. There was only a temporary revision of mail arrangements when there were blasting operations on the road.

(b) Does not arise.

Interruptions in Telegraph Lines

1185. **Shri Subodh Hasda :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that, telegraph line of the Rairangpur Post Office (Orissa) goes out of order very often ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the linemen who used to work at that place have been withdrawn ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to establish a Telephone Exchange at Rairangpur ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) There were interruptions on this circuit during the months of June, July, and August 1955 which were mainly due to the blasting of rocks and cutting down of trees by road construction parties.

(b) and (c). The telegraph branch at Rairangpur was opened on 4-2-53. For a short period towards the end of 1954, a lineman was posted experimentally at Rairangpur, which is not the headquarters of a lineman, to control the interruption in the Section Baripada—Rairangpur. But Rairangpur being the end of the circuit, this experiment was not success, as the lineman very seldom moved promptly on interruptions since he could not be contacted by any other means. The lineman was therefore removed from Rairangpur after about two months. There is a Sectional lineman at Bisoi 18 miles away from Rairangpur.

The testing office has facilities to contact the lineman at Bisoi through more than one circuit and hence the linemen's services are better utilised, as he could move on either side.

(d) The opening of a Public call office at Rairangpur has been approved.

Passenger Amenities

1186. **Shri Dhuniya :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the names of the stations between Gonda and Gorakhpur (loop line) where III class passenger's halls have been provided ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : Separate III class passenger halls are provided at :—

1. Balrampur
2. Tulsipur
3. Anandnagar.

A concourse which serves as a waiting hall is provided at :—

1. Maniram
2. Pepeganj
3. Campierganj
4. Bridgmanganj
5. Uaka Bazar
6. Nowgarh
7. Chilhis
8. Shohratgarh
9. Parsa
10. Barhni
11. Pachperwa
12. Gainsari
13. Kawapur
14. Intiathoke