

**Central Telegraph Office,
New Delhi**

1344. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of Express Letters received daily and delivered by the Central Telegraph Office, New Delhi;

(b) the average number of ordinary and express telegrams received daily and delivered by this office;

(c) whether it is a fact that no extra staff has been appointed to deliver the express letters and the efficiency of the telegraph service is affected thereby; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 2,240 on week days and 3,470 on Sundays.

(b) 3,037 on week days and 400 on Sundays.

(c) Extra staff for the delivery of express letters is employed, but at the ratio of one messenger for 40 express delivery letters as against 1 to 20 in case of telegrams. This disparity in standard is adversely affecting the delivery of telegrams.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Shastri Award

1345. Shri Telkikar: Will the Minister of **Labour** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the conditions laid down by Shastri Award on the Industrial Dispute between certain Banking Companies and their workmen, for up-grading of cities to Class I area, could be relaxed; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): (a) Certain cities have been specified by the Sastri Tribunal as comprising Class I Area. The Tribunal has not given any directions regarding the up-grading of other cities to Class I Area.

(b) Does not arise.

रेलवे स्टेशन

१३४६. श्री एम० एन० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे (ओ०टी० सेक्शन) के किन स्टेशनों पर पार्सल भेजने से प्रतिदिन सौ रुपया अधिक उससे अधिक आय होती है;

(ख) ऐसे सब स्टेशनों पर भ्रान्तवाली धौर भेजी जाने वाली पार्सलों की दैनिक प्रीसत संख्या क्या है;

(ग) किन किन स्टेशनों के इयूटी रोस्टर इंटरमिटेंट समझे जाते हैं और किन किन के लगातार समझे जाते हैं; और

(घ) इस वर्गीकरण का आधार क्या है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के समासधिव (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) से (घ). सूचना मंगायी जा रही है और जितनी जल्दी हो सकेगा सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Mail Vans

1347. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing capacity of the Mail vans is sufficient to cope with the volume of work of the R.M.S. ; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken to remodel the Mail vans to suit the requirements?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Not quite adequate. There are shortages in certain types of Mail vans.

(b) The position of Mail vans on all Railways has been reviewed and steps are being taken for the construction of additional Mail vans to meet all requirements.

Antecedent Reports

1348. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state the maximum time taken by police for submission of reports about verification of character and antecedents of persons recruited in the Postal Department of Delhi?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): 3 to 4 months normally.

Complaints

1349. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the action taken on the memorandum submitted recently by the North Bihar Merchants Association with regard to the grievances experienced by the travelling and trading public of North Bihar?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The memorandum under reference has been received only recently. The various grievances of the travelling and trading public of North Bihar, as referred to in the aforesaid memorandum, have been examined and the steps taken are detailed in the attached statement. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 26].

New Railway Line

1350. Shri Thanu Pillai : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the Chamber of Commerce, Tuticorin for the construction of a railway line from Manamadura to Tuticorin;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been examined; and

(c) whether it will be included in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been noted for consideration while selecting new lines for construction during the Second Five Year Plan Period.

(c) It is too early to say.

Manapad Bridge

1351. Shri Thanu Pillai : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work in the Manapad Bridge in Tirunelveli District;

(b) whether any representations have been made by Bridge Committee Manapad; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The Government of India have no information regarding the progress of work on the Manapad bridge as they are not responsible for its construction.

(b) Yes.

(c) The representation was forwarded to the Madras Government for necessary action.

Centrally aided Roads

1352. Shri M Islamuddin : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the roads that are being constructed or proposed to be constructed in Bihar during 1955-56; with the aid of the Central Government;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the construction and improvement of the roads on the Indo-Pakistan border area of the State particularly to prevent and facilitate the checking of smuggling of goods on the border areas?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 27].

(b) A total grant of Rs. 1,29,80,423/- has been approved for these schemes.

(c) The Government of India have no such proposal under consideration.

Recruitment

1353. Shri Mohiuddin : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants who appeared for interview before the Railway Service Commission, Allahabad, for employment in 1953-54 and 1954-55;

(b) the number of persons selected; and

(c) the number amongst them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

	*1953-54	1954-55
(a)	2,318	12,594
(b)	1,587	6,226
(c) Scheduled Castes	48	256
Scheduled Tribes	5	6

*The Allahabad Commission was set up in December, 1953 and these figures are from December, 1953 to March, 1954.