

Trunk Telephones

294. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial and commercial centres in the State of Bihar that have been connected by trunk telephone with other parts of the Indian Union; and

(b) how many such centres are still un-connected by trunk telephone?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). All important centres are already connected to the trunk telephone network.

Telegraphic Delays

295. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received in the Punjab Circle regarding delay in the delivery of telegrams both ordinary and express during 1954-55;

(b) the number of cases in which inquiries were held; and

(c) the number of cases in which postal employees were found negligent and punished?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 410.

(b) 410.

(c) 236.

Loud Speaker Arrangement in trains

296. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a Scheme in the next Five Year Plan to provide loud speaker arrangements in all bogies on long distance trains (over 300 miles) and in all important Railway Stations; and

(b) what steps, if any, Government propose to take to make the travelling public health-minded?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The proposal to provide loud-speaker arrangements in passenger carriages is still in an experimental stage and its extensive use will depend on the results achieved. At many of the large stations loud speaker equipment is already provided and this will be extended as the need arises.

(b) The Railways have initiated a "Social Education" programme by the use of posters, loud-speaker announcements etc.,

the purpose being to make the travelling public more civic minded. The scope of this programme includes items pertaining to public health, such as cleanliness, use of spittoons etc.

आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधानशालायें तथा चिकित्सालय

२९७. श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास ऐसे राज्यों के नामों के बारे में जानकारी है, जिन्होंने आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधानशालायें और चिकित्सालय खोले हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी प्रमत्त कौर) : इस बारे में राज्य सरकारों से सूचना मांगी जा रही है जो मिलने पर समा की मेज़ पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Nationalisation of AIR Services (Nepal)

**298. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri B. D. Shastri:
Shri Raghunath Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 2442 on the 30th September, 1955 and state at what stage are the negotiations between India and Nepal Government regarding nationalisation of the latter's internal Air Services?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Negotiations for the operation of internal air services in Nepal have reached an advanced stage and the final reply of the Government of Nepal is awaited.

Radiophoto and Telecommunication services

299. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state the names of the countries with which we have established direct Radiophoto and Telecommunication services during the current year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The following Radiophoto, Radiotelephono

and Radiotelegraph Services have been opened during the current year with other countries:—

Date of opening

Radiophoto Services:

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| 1. U. K. | 2-3-1955. |
| 2. U.S.S.R. | 8-6-1955. |

Radiotelephone Services:

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| 1. China | 2-3-1955. |
| 2. Burma | 24-3-1955. |
| 3. U.S.S.R. | 4-6-1955. |
| 4. Poland | 26-6-1955. |

Radiotelegraph Services:

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| 1. China. | 3-1-1955. |
| 2. Poland | 21-6-1955. |
| 3. Yugoslavia | 30-6-1955. |

Bikaner Mail

300. **Shri Karni Singhji** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to attach a direct coach from Delhi to Hanumangarh in the Bikaner Mail for passengers bound for Nohar and Bhadra from Calcutta ; and

(b) when it is likely to be implemented ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) No. There is no traffic justification for running such a through coach.

(b) Does not arise.

Puri Konarak Road

301. **Shri Sarangadhar Das** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the date when Government sanctioned the construction of the road from Puri to Konarak;

(b) the amount sanctioned for this purpose ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in starting construction ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :

(a) 6th November 1954.

(b) Rs. 16,70,700/- out of which two-thirds will be provided by the Government of India and the balance by the State Government.

(c) It is understood that the State Government have not so far been able to select a suitable contractor.

Telegraph Offices in North Bihar

302. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha** :
Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the names of places where telegraph offices will be opened during the current financial year in North Bihar ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (i) Telegraph Offices already opened during 1955-56:—

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| 1. Adapur | 5. Murliganj |
| 2. Amnaur | 6. Narpatganj |
| 3. Banmankhi | 7. Parihar |
| 4. Belamuchhapakauni | 8. Warisnagar |

(ii) Telegraph Offices so far sanctioned and likely to be opened during the current year, subject to materials becoming available in time:—

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| 1. Bakhari | 23. Majorganj |
| 2. Dhanaha | 24. Minapur |
| 3. Ghorashan | 25. Sonbarsa. |
| 4. Harsidih | 26. Chauthan |
| 5. Jogapatti | 27. Dhamdaha |
| 6. Mainataur | 28. Kadwa |
| 7. Patahi | 29. Korha |
| 8. Shikaripura | 30. Raniganj |
| 9. Sikta. | 31. Alamnagar |
| 10. Goghardiha | 32. Bangaon |
| 11. Herlankhi | 33. Bhimnagar |
| 12. Khutauna | 34. Chattarpur |
| 13. Kusheshwar Asthan | 35. Kishanganj |
| 14. Ladania | 36. Singheswarasthan |
| 15. Laukaha | 37. Swarbazar |
| 16. Laukahi | 38. Tribeniganj |
| 17. Madhepur | 39. Baikunthapur |
| 18. Madhwapur | 40. Basantpur |
| 19. Phulparas | 41. Chandan |
| 20. Singhia | 42. Guthni |
| 21. Katra | 43. Kundahit. |
| 22. Kurhani | |

Railway Claims

303. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha** :
Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims registered in 1954-55;

(b) how many of them are still pending; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) 3,62,956.

(b) 5,583 as on 31.10.1955.

(c) (i) Incorrect and incomplete booking particulars furnished by claimants in certain cases.