

be supplemented by other foodstuffs particularly those which are rich in proteins in order to make up the deficiency. Tapioca starch can be considered as being equivalent in most respects to starches obtained from other sources, such as, cereals and tubers.

(c) Tapioca roots besides being deficient in proteins also contain a poisonous glucoside. This, however, can be removed by suitable methods of processing and cooking.

Allahabad-Itarsi Passenger Train

442. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Allahabad-Itarsi passenger train on Central Railway very seldom runs to time and is often 2 hours or more late;

(b) whether the change in its timings since 1st October, 1955 is causing further inconvenience to the public particularly to those who have to catch the Delhi bound G.T. Express at Itarsi; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) It is not a fact that No. 390 Allahabad-Itarsi Passenger seldom runs to time. There had however been some deterioration in the punctuality performance of this train during August and September 1955, mainly due to time lost in crossings with Express and Passenger trains on the Jabulpore-Allahabad section with limited crossing facilities and high density of goods traffic.

(b) No such complaints have been received.

(c) Since the introduction of the Time Table from 1-10-55, there has been some improvement in the performance of No. 390 Up Allahabad-Itarsi Passenger train. Steps are being intensified to ensure the punctual running of this train.

Guramkhedi Railway Station

443. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by C.T.M. Central Railway from the people of Sohagpur tahsil with regard to the situation of Guramkhedi railway station (Central Railway); and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. In December 1954, a representation was received requesting that either the station building be shifted to the other side so that it may better serve the important villages near the station, or a foot overbridge be provided.

(b) This will be considered, in its turn, along with provision of amenities at other stations.

Post Offices in Kangra District

444. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the names of the places where post offices and telegraph offices and telephone public call offices have been opened in 1954 and are proposed to be opened in 1955 and 1956 in the Kangra District?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 11].

Telephone Development Fund

445. { **Sardar Hukam Singh:**
Shri Bahadur Singh:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the accumulated balance in the Telephone Development Fund on 1st May, 1955 and on 1st November, 1955; and

(b) the amount of withdrawals from and the amount of realisation for this fund during 1955?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The fund is closed to balance only at the end of a financial year. The balance on 31-3-55 was Rs. 235 lakhs.

(b) In the budget for current year, i.e., 1955-56, the following amounts have been provided for the period from 1-4-55 to 31-3-56:—

Withdrawal . Rs. 65 lakhs.

Contribution . Rs. 40 lakhs.

P. & T. Renewals Reserve Fund

446. { **Sardar Hukam Singh:**
Shri Bahadur Singh:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Report of the Committee appointed in December, 1951 "for determining the average lives of