

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Bombay, Madras, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, Saurashtra, Rajasthan, Travancore-Cochin, Delhi, Bhopal, Vindhya Pradesh, Coorg, Andhra, Kutch and Tripura.

P. & T. OFFICES

750. Shri D. C. Sharma: 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 1955 and are proposed to be opened in 1956 in the Hoshiarpur District?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A list is appended. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 9]

PASSENGER AMENITIES

751. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what amenities are going to be provided to passengers at different railway stations between Jullundur Cantt. and Hoshiarpur railway stations on the Northern Railway in 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Keeping in view the availability of funds, relative importance, urgency and need for works at different stations, the Railway Users Amenities Committee have only approved the work of extending the existing rail level platform at Sham Chaurasi station on the Jullundur Cantt.-Hoshiarpur section for inclusion in the Works Programme for 1956-57.

TRAIN DERAILMENT

752. Shri M. L. Agrawal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the K. A. I. U. P. Goods Train of the North Eastern Railway was derailed on the 4th January, 1956 near Hathras; and

(b) what was the cause of the derailment?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) At about 9.40 hours on 4-1-56 while K. A. 1 Up Goods Train was running between Rati-Ka-Nagla and Hathras Jn. stations on the Kasganj-Achnera main line section of North Eastern Railway, eight wagons commencing from the fourth from the engine derailed at mile 185/10-13.

(b) The finding of the Joint Enquiry held by a Committee of Senior Subordinate Officers of the Railway is yet under consideration. *Prima facie*, a defect in the axle brass of the wagon fourth from engine, viz. the first of the eight wagons which derailed appears to have caused the derailment.

RAILWAY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

753. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decrease in the compensation claims for goods lost or damaged during 1955 as compared to previous year; and

(b) total amount of compensation paid on this account during 1954-55?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) While there has been an increase in the number of compensation claims preferred for goods lost or damaged during the year 1955 as compared with the previous years, the total amount paid as compensation on these accounts shows a decrease.

(b) Rs. 2,55,45,116.

QUARANTINE

**754. { Shri Ibrahim :
Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons coming from foreign countries who were detained due to quarantine in India during 1955; and