

signalers in service, zone-wise, in the Indian Railways from 1953 to 1955 :

(b) the average yearly number of messages handled by each signaller from 1953 to 1955 ;

(c) whether the existing staff is in a position to handle the growing volume of telegraphic messages on the railways ; and

(d) if not, whether Government have any plans to expand the staff in the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) and (b). A statement is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure 13.]

(c) The staff is adequate for existing traffic.

(d) The requirement of staff is assessed at the time of annual recruitment. Additional staff as necessary will be engaged during the 2nd Plan Period.

#### ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES

\*15 { **Shri D. C. Sharma :**  
**Shri Mohana Rao :**  
**Dr. Rama Rao :**

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of deaths and injuries in accidents in coal mines in the year 1955 ; and

(b) the number of women among them?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai) :**

	Deaths	Injured
(a)	305	2834
(b)	Deaths	Injured
	13	77

#### P. & T. EMPLOYEES

**16. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafie :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the playgrounds for the employees-of the Posts and Telegraphs Department in India at present ;

(b) the names of the places and the number of the players ; and

(c) the total amount spent in 1955 for their maintenance?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :**

(a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be put up on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

#### रेलों का विकास

१७. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत के किन किन पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाने का विचार है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल्लगेशन) : दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना में नयी रेलवे लाइनें बनाने के जो सुझाव राज्य सरकारों से आये हैं उन पर अभी रेलवे बोर्ड में छानबीन की जा रही है। इस सम्बन्ध में अन्तिम फैसला अभी नहीं हुआ है।

#### FALLOW LAND IN PUNJAB

**18. Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the area of cultivable fallow land in the Punjab in 1955 ; and

(b) the area of such land in that State brought under cultivation from 1949 to 1955 each year separately?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** (a) and (b). The available information is given in