

6. Advances for purchases against Government orders.
7. Publicity.

(c) State (as before 1-11-56)	No. of centres to be set up during 1956-57
1. Andhra	1
2. Bhopal	1
3. Bombay	6
4. Hyderabad	1
5. Kutch	1
6. Madhya Bharat	1
7. Madhya Pradesh	2
8. Madras	5
9. PEPSU	1
10. Punjab	2
11. Rajasthan	1
12. Saurashtra	1
13. Travancore-Cochin	2
14. West Bengal	1
TOTAL	26

Pathankot and Srinagar Aerodromes

809. **Dr. J. N. Parekh** : Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toilet retiring room and catering facilities are very poor, both at Pathankot and Srinagar aerodromes; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

The Minister of Legal Affairs and Civil Aviation (Shri Pataskar) : (a) At Pathankot aerodrome, toilet facilities are available but no water-borne sanitation is provided. There are no retiring rooms at Pathankot. At Srinagar, toilet facilities on the dry system have been provided by the Kashmir Government. There are no retiring rooms. Passenger lounges are available at both the aerodromes. A small tea stall arranged by the Kashmir Government is available at Srinagar Aerodrome. A tea stall is available at Pathankot also.

(b) At Srinagar, a 'Civil' enclave with a new terminal building providing facilities for passengers including catering and toilet facilities is being planned. As regards Pathankot, more accommodation is being asked for from the Air Force and when that is made available, better catering arrangements will be provided.

Tractors' Import

810. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh** :
Sardar Akarpuri :

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Consumer Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and the value of tractors imported in India during 1956 so far;

(b) how far these compare with the imports of the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for increase, if any, in these imports?

The Minister of Heavy Industry and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Shri Morarji Desai) : (a) and (b), A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 11.]

(c) The number of tractors imported up to end of September, 1956 are 2,788 as against 2808 during 1955. The increase in value is presumably due to a larger import of heavier types.

Telegraph Offices (Moga and Muktsar)

811. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh** :
Sardar Akarpuri :

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telegraph Offices of Moga, Muktsar and the Post Office of Guru-Har-Sahai in District Ferozepure are facing shortage of accommodation; and

(b) if so, when the accommodation for these offices will be available?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) There is a shortage of accommodation only in Moga Combined Sub Post Office. Muktsar Combined Sub Post Office has sufficient accommodation, whereas accommodation in Guru Har Sahai Combined Sub Office is in excess of prescribed standards.

(b) Sufficient accommodation is as stated already available in Muktsar and Guru Har Sahai Combined Sub Post Offices. As for Moga C.S.O., it has been decided to acquire land and construct a departmental building for the office. Land acquisition proceedings are in progress and the construction work will start after the site is transferred to the Department and requisite preliminaries are completed by the Central P.W.D.