

(b) Information is not compiled Statewise. Of the 842 miles of new construction included in the Second Five Year Plan 175 miles are on Central Railway, 168 on Eastern Railway, 100 miles on Northern, 56 on North Eastern and the balance 343 on South Eastern Railway.

Berhampur Post Office

373. Shri Mohan Naik: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Berhampur (Ganjam District, Orissa) head post office is accommodated in a rented house, which does not have adequate accommodation;

(b) whether any land has been acquired for construction of the post office and staff quarters at a suitable place in the town;

(c) whether there is any provision in the Second Five Year Plan for construction of the post office and staff quarters at Berhampur?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Reply is in the affirmative except that the rented building in question with the land on which it stands was acquired by the P. & T. Department on 5-1-1954.

(b) & (c). Action to construct a building for the Post Office at Berhampur (Ganjam) on the existing site during the Second Plan period is already in progress. Land for construction of staff quarters at this station has not yet been acquired and, as such, no provision for the same exists at present. Efforts are, however, being made to select a suitable site for the purpose.

Railway Quarters

374. Shri Mohan Naik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no staff quarters have been provided to the scavenging staff at Berhampur Rail-

way Station on South Eastern Railway at present; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for building such staff quarters in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, 20% of this scavenging staff has been provided with quarters at Berhampur.

(b) Yes.

Amaraya Telegraph Office

375. Shri Mohan Swaroop: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the telegrams are delayed to and from Amarya Telegraph Office in District Pilibhit (U.P.) for days; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce such delays?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). There is no Telegraph Office at Amarya. The nearest Telegraph Office is Pilibhit which is at a distance of 15 miles from Amarya. The delay in delivery is primarily due to this distance which has to be covered by the mail peon. The volume of traffic at Amarya does not justify the opening a separate telegraph office there.

Rampur Haldwani Railway Line

376. Shri Mohan Swaroop: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 634 on the 2nd August, 1956 and state:

(a) the progress made in the survey Haldwani-Rampur branch line of Northern Railway; and

(b) when the construction work will be started and finished?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The traffic survey is completed. The Engineering survey is nearing completion.