

trains on Nidadavolu-Narsapur line (Andhra); and

(b) if so, the date from which this scheme will come into force?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b) The maximum permissible speed of trains on this section is 35 miles per hour, but this is restricted to 30 miles per hour over a continuous stretch of about 24 miles up to Narsapur, due to heavy wear of track rails. The work of relaying track which is already included, in parts, in the Works Programme of the current and the next two years, is expected to be completed by 1960-61, when the maximum speed of 35 miles per hour will be restored throughout the section

#### Retirement Age of P. & T. Employees

1165. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders have been issued raising the age limit for retirement for certain categories of employees in Post and Telegraph Department, and

(b) if so, the categories so specified and the reasons thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

#### Building for Kapadwanj Post Office

1166. **Shri Fateshinh Ghodasar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though necessary funds have already been sanctioned for constructing a new building for a Post Office at Kapadwanj in Kaira District (Bombay State), the building has not been constructed up till now; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the building construction has been delayed?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) Funds were provided for acquisition of the site and provision has also been made for starting construction this year. At present preliminary estimates are under scrutiny for issue of the administrative sanction.

(b) Different stages of a construction project take time and in this case there has been no avoidable delay

#### रेलवे स्कूल और कानेज

११६७ श्री मोहन रावका : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे विभाग के नियंत्रण के अधीन इस समय कितने कालेज और स्कूल हैं;

(ख) विक्टोरिया हायर-सेकेंडरी स्कूल, बरेली और रेलवे हाई स्कूल, आगरा में कितने छात्र हैं; और

(ग) उक्त दोनों हाई स्कूलों से इस वर्ष कुल कितने छात्र हाई स्कूल परीक्षा में बैठे और उनमें से कितने पास हुए ?

रेलवे उ मंत्र (श्री शा नवाज खां) :

(क) रेलवे के अधीन २ इंटरमीडिएट कालेज और १५२ स्कूल हैं ।

(ख) बरेली के विक्टोरिया स्कूल का नाम अब रेलवे हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल है और इसमें २५६ विद्यार्थी हैं ।

आगरा में रेलवे का कोई स्कूल नहीं है ।

(ग) रेलवे हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल, बरेली में हाई स्कूल परीक्षा में ८ विद्यार्थी बैठे थे, जिनमें से ६ पास हुए ।

#### Postal Employees of Kulu

1168. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether hill allowance was given to the Postal employees of Kulu

of Kangra district in Punjab equal to the hill allowance of Simla Postal employees prior to the year 1955;

(b) whether it has been reduced since 1955; and

(c) if so, the reasons of its reduction?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

#### **Passenger Amenities at Nadiad**

**1169. Shri Fatehsinh Ghodasar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a total absence of passenger Sheds, sanitary conveniences, benches and waiting rooms on the narrow gauge station at Nadiad on the Western Railway; and

(b) if so, when these amenities will be provided?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir. The following amenities already exist on the Nadiad Narrow Gauge station:-

- (1) One waiting shed 50' x 25'
- (2) One water tap on the platform;
- (3) Two benches in the waiting shed and 3 on the Narrow Gauge platform

(b) In addition, the following facilities have been programmed during 1957-58:—

- (1) One additional booking office for Narrow Gauge;
- (2) One covered passage from Broad Gauge to Narrow Gauge.
- (3) Two drinking water fountains;
- (4) Four urinals flush type on Narrow Gauge platform.

A covered shed on passenger platform is programmed for 1958-59.

#### **Disciplinary Cases on Railways**

**1170. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to have one more Tribunal to review the cases of those Railway employees who have been dismissed on disciplinary grounds?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** No, Sir.

#### **Development of Communications**

**1171. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the total amount allotted under the Second Five Year Plan for Communications is for improving the existing means of communications and how much for developing new ones;

(b) how much of the amount allotted had already been spent in improving the existing lines of communication; and

(c) what are the plans for the current year?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) The improvement of the existing Post, Telegraph and Telephone services is interlinked with the expansion of these services and cannot be isolated from the developmental activities. The total provision in the Second Plan for the P. & T Department is Rs 63 crores

(b) Rs. 9.52 crores during 1956-57.

(c) The average target per year is:—

- (i) Additional Post Offices 4,000
- (ii) Additional Telegraph Offices 280
- (iii) Additional Long distance Public Call Offices 240
- (iv) Additional Telephones 36,000.

The schemes taken up this year are expected to meet those targets. To the extent equipments and materials