

office on the Southern Railway is suffering due to want of quarters to staff, and

(b) what steps are taken to construct enough quarters?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) No, sir

(b) 387 quarters are expected to be completed within four months or so

Recruitment of Railway Employees

807. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) how many vacancies were filled up in the Mysore Division of Southern Railway in the various cadres of services in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57,

(b) how many seats were reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in these years in various cadres;

(c) how many were filled by the candidates of these communities during the same period, and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to fill these seats to the full extent of the quota reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) to (c) A statement giving the necessary information is laid on the Table [See Appendix III, annexure No 73]

(d) The quotas reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been filled

Plant Protection Centre at Cuttack

808. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a plant protection centre at Cuttack, and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b)

Plant protection centre has already been started at Cuttack

पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर पानी का पिलाने के

क) क्या सरकारी पाठ्य क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के इलाहाबाद और कटिहार के बीच के सभी रेलवे स्टेशनों पर यात्रियों को पानी पिलाने की व्यवस्था है,

(ख) क्या इन लाइन पर ऐसे स्टेशन हैं जहाँ गर्मी की ऋतु में भी यात्रियों को पानी पिलाने के लिये कोई व्यक्ति नहीं रखा जाता, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं?

रेलवे कमिश्नरी (श्री सा नवाज खाँ) .

(क) जी हा।

(ख) और (ग) इलाहाबाद-कटिहार सेक्शन पर कुछ ऐसे स्टेशन हैं जहाँ यात्रियों को पानी पिलाने के लिए पूर्णकालिक (Whole Time) आदमी नहीं रखे गये हैं। इन स्टेशनों पर यात्रियों का भ्राना जाना कम रहता है और यहाँ पानी पिलाने के लिए पूर्णकालिक आदमी रखना उचित नहीं जान पड़ता।

लेकिन ऐसे सभी स्टेशनों पर सामान्य काम करने वाले दूसरे कर्मचारी यात्रियों को पानी पिलाते हैं और यह इतना इन स्टेशनों के यात्रियों की जरूरत पूरी करने के लिए काफी समझा जाता है।

Minor Ports in Gujerat

810. Shri P. R. Patel: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state.

(a) the number of minor ports in Gujerat and the steps taken to develop them,

(b) whether any inquiry has been held into other probable ports in Gujerat, and

(c) if so, the results of the enquiry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) There are 28 minor ports in the districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach, Surat and Thana in the Bombay State. The development schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan cover the requirements of eight of them which are considered important. The schemes were drawn up by the Technical Officers of the Government of India in consultation with the State Government. The particulars of the schemes are given in the statement laid on the Table [See Appendix III, annexure No 74]

Post Offices in Cuddapah District

811. Shri Rami Reddy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some Post Offices in Cuddapah district (Andhra Pradesh) have to distribute 'dak' in villages situated at a distance of more than 5 miles from the Post Office, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the distance to ensure early delivery of 'dak'?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes 37 Post Offices serve 121 villages situated at more than five miles away but the prescribed frequency of delivery in them, is from daily to bi-weekly. However 76 of these villages are on an unfixed beat system and are visited when there are mails for delivery there.

(b) During the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan it is proposed to open about 140 new post offices in this district and also to sanction additional delivery staff, where necessary and justified. These will bring Post Offices closer to the villages and improve delivery frequencies.

Puri-Konarak Road

812. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 540 on the 31st May, 1957 and state

(a) whether the estimates of the work on the bridges on Puri-Konarak Road (Orissa) have since been sanctioned, and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No

(b) The estimates for the bridges had to be returned to the State Chief Engineer for furnishing certain technical information and for modification. The completion of the Technical examination will therefore take some more time.

Cholera Patients in Imphal Civil Hospital

813. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many cholera patients were admitted into the civil hospital at Imphal during the first week of July, 1957, and

(b) whether there is any segregation arrangement in the hospital for infectious diseases?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Nil

(b) No. However, if necessary, segregation arrangement for infectious diseases will be made in some vacant Medical Department buildings at Chngmeirong near Imphal town.

Guntakal-Secunderabad Railway Line

814. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the number of bridges being repaired on the Guntakal-Secunderabad Railway line consequent on the