

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No sugar refineries have been put up in India and all the white sugar in the country is produced directly from cane.

Kharagpur Railway Hospital

229. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kharagpur Railway Hospital has no eye specialist on its staff; and

(b) when the said defect is to be rectified?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Class IV Posts on Southern Railway

230. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Class IV posts of Khalasis are not filled up in the Southern Railway resulting in the appointment of casual labour;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill up these vacancies?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. A very small proportion of vacancies in the category of Khalasis is filled by casual labour on the open line

(b) This is done owing to exigencies of service.

(c) All possible steps are taken to expedite recruitment of suitable candidates in accordance with normal recruitment rules of Class IV staff.

Gate-men on Southern Railway

231. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are level-crossing gates carrying shifts of 24 hours duty on the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, how many; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to reduce the duty hours of the men to twelve in such gates?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

खीरी जिने में डाक-घर

२३२. श्री कुशवन्त राय क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जिला खीरी की तहसील नयासन के परगना फिरोजाबाद में कितने डाकघर हैं और वे कितनी दूरी तक के ग्रामों में डाक पहुंचाने हैं ।

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ डाकघरों द्वारा पाच, छ या सात मील की दूरी पर स्थित ग्रामों की डाक का वितरण किया जाता है ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि दूरी के ग्रामों के सम्मिलित होने के कारण डाक का वितरण देर से होता है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार नमूने के राज्य मन्त्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) डाक-घरों की संख्या ६.

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(ख) जी हा, डाक-घरों द्वारा ग्रामों केवल ऐग एस्टेट अतिरिक्त विभागीय उप-डाक-घर तथा ईमा नगर अतिरिक्तशाखा डाक-घर ।

(ग) डाक-वितरण कितनी बार किया जाय, यह बात गांव में डाक पहुंचाने वाले डाक-घर की दूरी के अतिरिक्त साधारणतः इस बात पर निर्भर है कि वितरण के लिये प्राप्त डाक की मात्रा कितनी है । यदि वितरण-क्षेत्र विस्तृत है तो नये डाक-घर खोल कर तथा विद्यमान व नये डाक-घरों की वितरण फेरियों की संख्या में हेर फेर करके वितरण की बाग्यारत

(frequency) को बढ़ा दिया जाता है जब उक्त दोनों डाक-घरों द्वारा सेवित गावों में है। डाक सप्ताह में दो बार बटती है। सिगवर और दुर्गापुर गावों में जहाँ डाक-घर खोलने के विषय में प्रस्ताव पहिले ही विचाराधीन है ऐसे डाक-घर खोले जाने पर डाक-वितरण-के कार्य में सुधार होने को सम्भावना है।

Bridge on Rapti

233. Shri Sinhasan Singh Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether the work of construction of the road bridge on the Rapti river near Gorakhpur on the Lucknow-Kushinagar National Highway has been undertaken, and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the bridge and the time fixed for its completion?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) (a) An estimate for the work has been technically approved but it has not been possible to take the work in hand on account of financial limitations

(b) The bridge is estimated to cost Rs 41.43 lakhs and will take about 3 years to complete after commencement of work

RMS Rest Houses

234. Shri Tangamani Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of the rest houses available for the employees in Railway Mail Service in Madras circle and where, and

(b) whether the rest houses for Railway Mail Service employees are in rented buildings or Government buildings?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) (i) 22

(ii) At the following places
1 Chintadripet (Madras)

- 2 Tiruchirapalli
- 3 Erode
- 4 Cannanore
- 5 Shencottah
- 6 Madurai
- 7 Mysore
- 8 Harihar
- 9 Talaguppa
- 10 Bangarupet
- 11 Marikuppam
- 12 Ootacamund
- 13 Mettupalayam
- 14 Kozhikode
- 15 Katpadi
- 16 Pondicherry
- 17 Nagore
- 18 Tiruchendur
- 19 Manamedurai
- 20 Park Town Madras
- 21 Ernakulam
- 22 Dhanushkodi

(b) Three are in Government buildings and the remaining in rented buildings

RE PLANTATION ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

12 00 hrs

Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan (Coimbatore) Sir, on the 15th July, the hon Minister of Commerce and Industry promised to place a statement explaining the reasons for their decisions taken on the recommendations of the Plantation Enquiry Committee and he said that he would place it within a week. I would like to know when we can expect this statement

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): As soon as it is ready, it will be placed. It is getting ready

Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: It is past a week. What is the sense in saying as soon as ready? This is another difficulty