

Public Call Offices

1536. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Call Offices opened in the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 in different districts of Punjab State; and

(b) the name of such places?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 157].

Claims

1537. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri M. Elias:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of representations from Cooch Behar regarding delay in disposal of compensation claims has been held up by the regional administration of the North-Eastern Railway for a long time; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

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

(b) The North-Eastern Railway is, however, being specially asked to deal expeditiously with all such representations.

Passenger Amenities

1538. **Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new sheds constructed during the period 1952 to 1956 and in 1957 so far on platforms of stations on Northern Railway and on what stations;

(b) the number of sheds extended or renovated during this period;

(c) the number of new sheds sanctioned for the next year and on what stations; and

(d) the criteria on which the Ministry sanctions to build a shed on a platform?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Indian Central Cotton Committee

1539. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts created in the Secretariat of the Indian Central Cotton Committee during the last two years;

(b) the number of posts fallen vacant during the same period due to resignations or other reasons; and

(c) the number of vacancies filled up by promotion of members from the existing staff?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Nine.

(b) Thirty-four.

(c) Eighteen.

Indian Central Cotton Committee

1540. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount spent by the Indian Central Cotton Committee for the period 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The amount spent by the Indian Central Cotton Committee for the period 1952-53 to 1955-56 is given below:—

	Rs.
1952-53	14,41,983
1953-54	18,24,810
1954-55	18,66,208
1955-56	20,82,974