

Opening of Post Office

1714. **Shri Klayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a Branch Post Office at Kanjankullai Village, Chidambaram Taluq, South Arcot District, Madras State;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A branch post office already exists at Kanjankollai village.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Passengers and Goods Earnings

1715. **Shrimati Ila Patchondhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total Railway passenger and goods earnings separately during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1957 as compared to the corresponding period of 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

	(Figures in Crores)	
	1,4.57 to 30.9.57	1,4.56 to 30.9.56
(i) Passenger Earnings	61	52
(ii) Goods Earnings	107	95

Coaches

1716. **Shrimati Manjula Devi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all the old coaches running on the North Eastern Railway in Assam are unfit for travelling; and

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to renovate them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The old coaches running on the North Eastern Railway are fit to travel in.

(b) Does not arise.

Tea Stall at Kalupara Ghat Station

1717. **Dr. Samantsinhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how long the tea stall at Kalupara Ghat station of the South Eastern Railway has been closed;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the upset price fixed for this stall by the authorities concerned is comparatively high;

(d) whether, in view of the inconvenience caused to the public due to its closure, the authorities propose to reduce the upset price; and

(e) when the stall is proposed to be opened for the public?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (e). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 54].

Rice

1718. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice allotted to different States in the year 1957 month-wise;

(b) whether the whole quantity allotted was taken by the States; and

(c) if not, the quantity left over and the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). Foodgrains are not being allotted at present as in the control days. These are supplied through Fair Price Shops