

(iii) that this policy should be followed in the award of new licences as also whenever the existing licences expire and fall due for renewal.

Opening of a Sub-Post Office at Kiratpur

1727. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the general public of Kiratpur in Hosiarpur district for opening a Sub-Post Office there; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, for upgrading the existing Extra Departmental Branch Office at Kiratpur into a Departmental Sub-Office.

(b) The conversion of the office into a departmental sub-office having not been found justified by departmental standards, it has been decided to upgrade it into an extra departmental sub office on availability of a suitable person to work as Extra departmental Sub Postmaster.

Amritsar Railway Workshop

1728. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees at present working in the Amritsar Railway workshop;

(b) the number of employees out of them belonging to Scheduled Castes; and

(c) the categories in which the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes are working?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 1917.

(b) 186

(c) Class III — 12
Class IV — 174.

Indore-Delhi Rail Link

1729. **Shri M. B. Thakore:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to construct a new railway line from Delhi to Indore; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the scheme has not been implemented yet?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The two points are already connected by rail.

(b) Does not arise.

Telegraph Signallers

1730. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether 45 per cent of the Telegraph Signallers in various Railways have been grade in proper grade; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not grading the signallers of North Eastern Railway as yet?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The gradation of Telegraph Signallers in accordance with the instructions is in the process of implementation on all railways including the North Eastern Railway.

Family Planning Centres in Punjab

1728. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 921 on the 14th December, 1956 and state:

(a) the number of Family Planning Centres established in the Punjab State in 1956-57; and