

**Telegraph and Telephone Offices in Himachal Pradesh**

1915. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telegraph and telephone offices opened in 1956-57 in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government propose to open more telegraph and telephone offices in 1958 in Himachal Pradesh?

**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 IV, annexure No. 98.]

**Passenger Amenities**

1916. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are no sheds on the platform at Nangal Dam Station on the Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide sheds on this station?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir Provision has been made for a 250 feet long shelter on platform at Nangal Dam Station during the 1957-58 Works Programme. The work is proposed to be taken up as soon as the necessary steel becomes available.

**Bus Accidents in Himachal Pradesh**

1917. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bus accidents that took place in Himachal Pradesh during 1956 and 1957 so far;

(b) the number of individuals compensated so far; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) The information required is given below:

(i) Number of bus accidents during 1956 14 (8 major and 6 minor)

(ii) Number of bus accidents so far during 1957 14 (4 major and 10 minor)

(b) Seven.

(c) Rs. 13,550.

**Improvement of Scarcity Areas in Rajasthan**

1918. **Shri Raghunath Singhji:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the number and nature of schemes under consideration for permanent improvement of scarcity areas in Rajasthan?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 99].

**Opening of New Post Offices**

1919. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices, telegraph offices and public call offices opened during the Second Five Year Plan in Parbhani District of Marathwada region of Bombay so far; and

(b) the names 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.

**STATEMENT**

Particulars of new post offices, Telegraph offices and Public Call Offices opened during the Second Five-Year Plan period from 1st April 1956 to 30th November, 1957, in Parbhani District of Marathwada region of Bombay.