

Extra Departmental Staff

404. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state.

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Extra Departmental Delivery Agent of Garhrupasa Post Office in the district of Puri, Orissa, directly took part in election propaganda and political activities during the last general elections, and

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

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Complaints to that effect were received by the Superintendent of Post Offices from only one person a member of one of the political parties

(b) The Superintendent of Post Offices had looked into the matter and given a reply to the person concerned

Private Railway Companies

405. { Shri Surendranath Dwivedi:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the names of Private Railway Companies in India,

(b) total mileage covered by them, and

(c) conditions under which Private Railway Companies are allowed to operate?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 71]

Indian Roads Congress

406. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the copies of the resolutions passed and decisions taken at the 22nd Annual Session of the Indian Roads Congress held in New Delhi recently,

(b) if so, the nature of the resolutions passed and decisions taken; and

(c) the action taken to implement them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir The resolutions of the Indian Roads Congress are forwarded to Government after they are considered by their Executive Committee in a subsequent meeting

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Export of Foodgrains

407. **Shri D C Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the type and quantity of foodgrains exported to neighbouring countries during 1957-58 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): A statement giving the information for the period January to June 1957 was placed on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No 63 on the 12th November, 1957 During the months of July and August only 10 tons of rice were exported Figures beyond August, 1957 are not yet available

Bhakra Nangal Project Administration

408. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the quantity of water at present being sold by the Bhakra Nangal Project Administration to various industrial concerns in that area, and

(b) the rate at which it is being sold?