

is made to replace the deficiencies subject naturally to the availability of the material in question.

Post Office Building, Jaipur

439. Shri B C Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 231 on the 15th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the question of entrusting the work of construction of Jaipur Head Post Office building to State P.W.D has since been finalised, and

(b) if so, when the construction of the building is to be started?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Not yet. The demand of the State P.W.D for departmental charges of 19 per cent which is more than what is usually paid to the C.P.W.D, is under examination in consultation with the C.P.W.D. The question will be finalised after approaching Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply and also after obtaining release from ban on construction of buildings by the Ministry of Finance (Communications)

(b) Does not arise

**Divisional Headquarters, S.E.
Railway**

440. Shri Pangrahi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) which of the places have been proposed for locating Divisional Headquarters in the South Eastern Railway, and

(b) whether representations have been received by Government for the location of Divisional Office at Khurda Road in Orissa?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The Government have considered the matter carefully and have come to the conclusion that the introduction of the Divisional System on this Railway is

not justified at present. Regional Superintendents have been provided at certain District Headquarters, e.g., Bilaspur where operational considerations required the posting of a Senior Officer to co-ordinate the activities of various branches

(b) Yes, Sir

**Selection of Scheduled Caste
Candidates**

441. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of applications received from the Scheduled Caste candidates for class III posts on the Northern Railway during the year 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): 5,090

**N.E.S. and Community Development
Blocks in Punjab**

442. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state the total amount sanctioned for Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks which have been sanctioned for the Punjab State for the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): According to the approved phasing of the programme, the estimated total cost of the Blocks allottable to Punjab during the Second Plan period, is Rs 706 crores. A revision of the programme is however now under consideration

**MINE ACCIDENT IN ASANSOL
AREA**

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): Sir, with a deep sense of sorrow, I have to report to the House the grim tragedy which occurred last night involving a heavy loss of life in two mines in Asansol area. According to the information available, an explosion occurred in Chimakuri mine at about 9 P.M. last night. About 180 persons are reported to be missing.