

**Railway Workshop at Amritsar**

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

(a) the total value of articles produced in Railway Workshop at Amritsar during 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the total amount spent including salary of staff during the same year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Amritsar Workshops when under the control of the Punjab Government were engaged on manufacture of stores for various parties but since 1-6-1956 when they were taken over by the Railways, they are engaged in the manufacture of spare parts for locomotives, carriages and wagons, overhauling of locomotives and execution of orders placed by the Punjab Government. A considerable part of the expenditure incurred during any period relates to work in progress and, therefore, the cost of production on stores and repair work completed during any period cannot be compared with the total expenditure during the corresponding period. The value of articles produced during the period 1-4-1957 to 31-12-1957 is Rs. 32,53,815 inclusive of items part finished and still under manufacture, but exclusive of the cost of repairs to locomotives and other maintenance jobs carried out during the period. Expenditure incurred from 1-4-1957 to 31-12-1957 upto which the accounts have been closed including the staff salaries has been Rs. 62,93,553.

**Rice Distribution**

**765. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of rice sent from the Punjab State to other States by the Government of India during 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Approximately 31,000 tons.

**Post Offices in Kangra District**

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

(a) the number of Post Offices in Kangra district in Punjab State functioning at present in private buildings;

(b) the rent paid by Government during 1957-58 so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct buildings for these Post Offices; and

(d) if so, how many are under construction and amount spent so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The number of post offices in Kangra District in Punjab State functioning in private buildings is 36;

(b) the rent paid by Government for these Offices so far during 1957-58 is Rs. 7,295;

(c) there is a proposal for construction of departmental buildings at 3 places namely Kangra, Baijnath and Barsar; and

(d) at the moment no building is under construction and no amount has been spent so far in this connection.

**PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE****NOTIFICATION UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT.**

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of Notification S.R.O. 471, dated the 8th February, 1958, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-551/58.)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House in their Fifth Report