

"The Lost Post"

*1946. **Shri N. E. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(e) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Times of India* (Delhi Edition) dated the 2nd April, 1958 under the caption "The Lost Post";

(b) if so, how many letters, money order receipts and postal orders were found in the heap; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only 40 unregistered mail articles.

(c) 25 articles were delivered immediately. Addresses of 11 are not available. 4 could not be delivered since the addresses are washed out. Extra Departmental Delivery Agent had already left service on 27th February, 1958. If sufficient evidence is available it is proposed to prosecute the Extra Departmental Delivery Agent under Section 52 of the Post Office Act.

Water Coolers at Railway Stations

2979. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the stations where water coolers will be provided during 1957-58, Railway-wise; and

(b) the names of the stations where water coolers will be provided during 1958-59, Railway-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See appendix VIII, annexure No. 70.]

Opening of Post Offices at Kodaikanal Hills

2980. **Shri E. Narayanasamy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are proposing to open some more Post Offices at Kodaikanal Hills; and

(b) if so, the names of the villages where Post Offices are to be opened?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) and (b). Yes, at villages Vadakavinji and perumalmalai. A Post Office on non-returnable contribution basis could not be opened at Vadakavinji so far as the mail route was considered unsafe. The one at Perumalmalai will be opened, if found justified.

Vacancies of Station Masters on Mysore Division

2981. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of Station Masters are there in Mysore Division of Southern Railway; and

(b) how long they have been kept vacant and the reasons for the same?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Public Call Offices in Bombay

2982. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the names of places where the Public Call Offices are proposed to be opened in Bombay during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See appendix VIII, annexure No. 71.]