

of Posts and Telegraphs has recommended that the use of Khadi for Post and Telegraph employees' uniforms should be given up and that there should be a return to drill uniform; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Committee have recommended that class III officials like Postmen, Line-staff etc. and Operative class IV staff like Telegraph Messengers, Mail Peons etc. may be supplied with uniforms made from Mill-made drill cloth while uniforms for non-operative class IV like Malis, Bhisties and Sweepers, office peons and orderly peons etc. may continue to be of khadi cloth.

(b) The report is under examination and no decision has yet been taken.

Cholera and Small Pox

353. { Shri Anirudh Sinha:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2094 on the 8th May, 1958 and state the total number of deaths in the States of Eastern U.P., Bihar and West Bengal due to the cholera and smallpox epidemics during the current year upto the 30th June, 1958 separately?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The requisite information is given below:—

	Cholera	Smallpox
Bihar	534	2,271
West Bengal	3,589	9,982
Eastern U.P.	Information is being collected.	

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354. { Shri Assar:
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:
Shri Thana Pillai:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many copies of the Post and Telegraph Guide Part I, 1956 Edition were printed;

(b) what was the total cost;

(c) when the printed copies were supplied to post offices;

(d) whether all the post offices opened during 1956-57 and 1957-58 were supplied with copies of this Guide;

(e) whether there have been further changes and additions since the copies were printed; and

(f) if so, when the next Guide will be printed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 33,558.

(b) Rupees, 90,629 and 16 Naye Paise.

(c) On receipt from the Government of India Press, New Delhi, the Manager of Publications Delhi made supplies in batches to the Circle Stock Depots between January, 1957 and February, 1958. The Circle Stock Depots in turn made supplies to the Head and Sub Post Offices in batches as and when received.

(d) The P. & T. Guide Part I is required to be supplied to all Head and Sub Post Offices. All Head and Sub Post Offices opened during 1956-57 and 1957-58 have been supplied with copies of the Guide except some Sub Offices in U.P. Circle which could not be supplied on account of the full quota having not been received by the Circle Stock Depot.

(e) Yes.

(f) The 1957 Edition of the Guide is in the Press and is expected to be out shortly.