

(ख) टिकट की तरह पास पर भी उसी स्वरूप पर दर्जे में सफर किया जा सकता है जो उसमें दर्जे हो।

### रेलवे बोर्ड की केन्द्रीय जांच एजेंसी

११०१. श्री का० भे० मालवीय : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे बोर्ड की केन्द्रीय जांच एजेंसी ने फरवरी, १९५७ और फरवरी, १९५८ के बीच कितने मामलों की जांच की ;

(ख) कितने मामलों की जांच सफल हुई; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस एजेंसी पर उक्त अवधि में वेतन भत्तों आदि को मिलाकर कुल कितना व्यय किया ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री साहूबाबू झा) :

(क) १७०

(ख) ७१

(ग) खर्च के बारे में सूचना अभी नहीं मिल रही है क्योंकि आफिस सिम्बन्दी (office establishment) पर खर्च का हिसाब वित्तीय वर्ष के अनुसार रखा जाता है और वह खर्च डाइरेक्टर (सिम्बू-रिटी एण्ड विजिलेंस) के अधीन जो दूसरे खर्च हैं उनके साथ मिला कर रखा गया है। फिर भी, १९५७-५८ में पूरे निदेशालय (Directorate) पर जो खर्च हुआ वह १,७५,५७० रुपये आता है।

### Accommodation for Postmasters

1162. Shri Subhman Ghose: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Post Masters and Sub-Postmasters of the Post Offices are provided with rent free quarters;

(b) if so, how many Postmasters have not been provided with accommodation in West Bengal;

(c) whether it is a fact that in West Bengal Rs. 9/- or Rs. 10/- are given monthly as house rent allowance to such Postmasters who have not been allotted quarters; and

(d) if so, whether any information has been taken by the Ministry as to how many such Postmasters have been able to procure residence at a monthly rental of Rs. 9/- or 10/-; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to provide Postmasters with accommodation in the near future?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.

(b) 170.

(c) Head Postmasters and Sub-Postmasters who are not provided with rent free quarters are paid House Rent Allowance in lieu thereof at the rate of 10% of average of the scale of the official concerned plus Dearness Pay. Payment is generally as follows:

Grade and scale of pay	House rent allowance
(i) Time Scale (Rs. 60/170).	Rs. 13.31 nP.
(ii) Lower Selection Grade (Rs. 160/250)	Rs. 34.12 nP.
(iii) Higher Selection Grade (Rs. 250/325).	Rs. 34.12 nP.

(d) No information has been collected.

(e) Only one Postmaster is expected to be provided with quarters in the near future.

### Railway Station at Malabar

1163. Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to open a Railway Station at Malabar between Bhaluka Road and Samsi on

the Katihar-Singabhad section of N.E.F. Railway and whether the proposal was supported by the District Magistrate of Malda, the Regional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Pandu and the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee;

(b) whether the Railway Board has considered a proposal of opening a contractor operated passenger halt at Malahar and made any decision on the same, and

(c) if not, when the decision is likely to be made and, if any decision has been made, when the halt or the station is likely to be opened? ,

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, except that the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee has not yet given its opinion on this proposal and the matter is pending further consideration by that Committee

(b) and (c) The proposal will be considered by the Railway Board on receipt of the views of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee.

#### **Plant Disease in Manipur**

**1104. Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a disease in an epidemic form has invaded the crop plants in almost all parts of Manipur,

(b) if so, what is the total acreage of paddy lands affected by the disease; and

(c) what are the steps taken to protect the paddy plants in Manipur?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) The paddy crop in all the revenue sub-divisions of the Territory was affected by insect pests in a few localised areas. It was not in an epidemic form and the affected crop after treatment is rapidly reviving.

(b) No data regarding the area affected is available.

(c) The insecticides were sold at 50% subsidised sale price and equipment distributed to the farmers by the Manipur Administration. Insecticides and the control equipment were also despatched to the area for distribution in the affected area by the Central Plant Protection Station, Gauhati.

#### **All-India Railwaymen's Federation**

**1105. { Shri Vajpayee:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether leaders of the All India Railwaymen's Federation met the Members of the Railway Board recently,

(b) if so, the points discussed at the meeting, and

(c) the decisions taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes

(b) A copy of the agenda is given below —

- 1 Withdrawal of the Essential Services Maintenance Act  
Withdrawal of the Railway Service (Conduct Rules, 1956)
- 2 Victimisation of Railwaymen.
- 3 Decasualisation of Labour
- 4 Equal treatment in the matter of privileges to Class III and Class IV employees
- 5 Stoppage of recruitment in intermediate grades
- 6 Extension of the NEW DEAL advantages to the Workshop Staff
- 7 Equality in treatment to all staff in respect of privileges.
8. A 42-hour week in the Railways.
- 9 Calculation of Overtime allowance on daily basis.