

(e) There is an allocation of Rs. 36 lakhs for all the approved schemes of Punjab State for the current financial year and the funds are being released on monthly basis as ways and means advances.

Quarters for P. & T. Employees

692. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether quarters are being constructed for class III and IV staff of the Posts and Telegraphs at Kanpur;

(b) if so, the number of quarters being constructed; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the same?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). 72 Units of quarters are being constructed for Class III staff. There are no proposals for class IV staff.

(c) Rs.-6,20,300.

Construction of P. & T. Buildings, Bhubaneswar

693. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 797 on the 25th August, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for acquisition of land at Bhubaneswar for construction of building for the office of the Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Orissa and staff quarters has since been sanctioned;

(b) if so, when the construction will take place; and

(c) whether the Government of Orissa has placed any demand for the cost of the land?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Not yet.

(b) The question of construction will arise only after the land is acquired.

(c) Yes.

Head Post Office Building at Jajpur

694. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1544 on the 5th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the construction of the head post office building at Jajpur has been started; and

(b) if so, the time it will take to complete the project?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). The construction work has not started as yet, as the two tenders received for this work were rejected by the Central Public Works Department due to the high rates quoted therein.

Post Offices in Orissa

695. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many post offices in Orissa are being housed in the rented buildings; and

(b) if so, what amount of expenditure is incurred every year on this account?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

The number of post offices housed in the rented building in Orissa is 104. The total amount of rent paid yearly is Rs. 61,980-72 nP. The number of post offices in Departmental buildings is 57. There is a proposal for construction of 45 Departmental buildings during the Second Five-Year Plan.