

once a week. 371 villages are, however, served twice a week

(c) and (d). Yes, by opening more post offices and employing more Extra Departmental Delivery Agents.

#### Pulling of Alarm Chains

2572. Shri D. C Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement showing.

(a) the number of incidents of pulling of alarm chains in the trains on the Indian Railways (Railway-wise) in the year 1958-59;

(b) whether the number of alarm-chain pulling cases is on the increase as compared with 1957-58; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A statement giving the required information for 10 months ending 31st January 1959 is placed on the Table [See Appendix VI annexure No 5] Information for February and March 1959 has not yet been compiled

(b) Yes

(c) The main reason for the increase is the want of co-operation on the part of the travelling public in pointing out the offenders to enable the railway staff to prosecute them, which has emboldened the offenders to indulge more and more in such activities. The inadequacy of the existing provisions of law to deter the offenders from resorting to this evil is also another reason

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\*२५७६. श्री सरजू पांडे : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ११ फरवरी, १९५७ को गोरखपुर में बायरलेस घायरेटर तथा सिगनलरों की परीक्षा में कितने उम्मीदवार बैठे थे ,

(ख) कितने परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण हुए ;

(ग) कितने व्यक्ति नियुक्त किये गये ; और

(घ) उनमें से कितने व्यक्तियों को अभी नियुक्त नहीं किया गया है ?

रेलवे उपमन्त्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) :

(क) सिगनलरों (न कि बायरलेस घायरेटरों) की मर्ती के लिए गोरखपुर और बूतरे केन्द्रों में एक परीक्षा ली गयी थी जिसमें ४०१ उम्मीदवार बैठे थे।

(ख) २१२

(ग) और (घ) परीक्षा में पास २१२ उम्मीदवारों में से १२६ को नियुक्ति के लिए चुना गया था, लेकिन अभी तक किसी को नियुक्त नहीं किया गया है।

#### Special Multi-purpose Tribal Blocks

2580. Shri Jinschandran: Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to lay on the Table a detailed report on the working of the 43 Special Multi-purpose Tribal Blocks which are in operation now?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S Murthy) The required information is being collected from the State Governments and Union Territories concerned and will be placed on the Table of the House when received

#### Conference on Special Multi-purpose Tribal Blocks

2581. Shri Jinschandran: Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main recommendations of the Conference on Community Development held at Mount Abu regarding Special Multi-purpose Tribal Blocks have been adopted, and

(b) if so, to what extent?