

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 बायरेलस प्रापरेटरों तथा सिपनलरों 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 सभी नियुक्त नहीं किया गया है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :

(क) सिपनलरों (य कि बायरेलस प्रापरेटरों) की मर्ती के लिए गोरखपुर और बूतरे केन्द्रों में एक परीक्षा ली गयी थी जिसमें ४०१ उम्मीदवार बैठे थे।

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(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?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement showing the action taken by the State Governments and Union Territories for the implementation of the recommendations is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 8].

Imphal Water Works Scheme

2542. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Imphal Water Works Scheme; and

(b) the target date of completion of the construction work of the water reservoir at Chingmurong at Imphal?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Practically all the components of the scheme have been finalised from the technical point of view. Construction of Head Works consisting of intake well, clarifier, flocculator, flash mixer, and staff quarters has been started in February 1959 and is expected to be completed within 8 months. The work of filter house and low-lift pump house will also be taken up shortly and necessary tenders in this connection have been called for. This will complete the head works costing Rs. 2.63 lakhs. The high lift, low lift pump and filtration plant costing Rs. 2.57 lakhs have been procured.

(b) Necessary tenders for the work of service reservoir on Chingmurong Hillock have been called for by the Manipur Administration and as soon as these are accepted, the work will be completed within 6 to 8 months i.e. by December, 1959. All the mains are expected to be completed by December, 1960.

Imphal Municipality

2543. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the

insanitary conditions in Imphal Municipality area specially due to lack of facilities for drainage; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the drainage system in the Municipality area?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Foodgrains to Punjab

2584. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains supplied to Punjab during the months of December, 1958, January and February, 1959; and

(b) the prices at which these were supplied?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):

(a) Wheat	About 79,900 tons
Maize	About 7,200 tons
(b) Wheat	Rs. 14 per maund
Maize	Rs. 11 per maund

The prices are for net weight of the grain, but inclusive of the cost of gunny bags, for delivery FOR destination stations.

Development of Agriculture in Punjab

2585. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be allotted to the Punjab State for development of agriculture for the year 1959-60; and

(b) the amount asked for the same period?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The annual Plan ceiling for Punjab State for 1959-60 for the Agricultural Sector, excluding Co-operation, as agreed to by the Planning Commission was Rs. 406.62 lakhs.