

Arkonam-Erode Railway Line

2059. **Shri Nanjappan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in doubling of Railway lines between Arkonam and Erode (Southern Railway); and

(b) when the work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Doubling of 40 miles has been completed and opened to traffic upto end of February 1961. Further 12 miles of doubled track is expected to be opened to traffic by 31-3-1961 to be followed by another 10 miles by June 1961.

Doubling of another 35 miles and 50 miles on the Arkonam-Erode section has been programmed during 1960-61 and 1961-62 respectively.

Extra Deptt. Branch Post Offices and Savings Bank Facilities in Assam

2060. **Shrimati Mafda Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extra departmental branch Post Offices converted into sub-post offices during the Second Five Year Plan period in Assam State, District-wise; and

(b) the number of post offices in which Savings Bank facilities have been provided so far in the State?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 9].

(b) 397.

National Highway No. 9

2061. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to widen Miles 20/0 to 37/0 of Hyderabad-Vijayawada road (National Highway No. 9);

(b) what is the cost of the scheme; and

(c) whether technical approval has been accorded;

(d) whether any phased programme has been drawn up for the execution of the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No sir; due to limitation of funds during the Third Plan, the work of widening National Highways has to be given low priority.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

P. and T. Buildings

2062. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned so far during the Second Five Year Plan for the construction of new post office buildings in all the States; and

(b) the total amount sanctioned for the Madras State and the number of buildings constructed so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Rs. 478 lakhs.

(b) (i) Rs. 26.5 lakhs.

(ii) 8 completed; 13 in progress.

• Electrification of Barpali and Patna-Garh Towns (Orissa)

2063. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were proposals to electrify industrial town Barpali in Sambalpur District and Sub-Divisional Headquarter Patnagarh town in Bolangir District in Orissa during the Second Five Year Plan period;