

(b) if so, at what stage it stands now; and

(c) how long it will take to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, a new line from Kalkalighat to Dharmanagar in Tripura is under construction.

(b) Overall progress is 4 per cent upto the end of March, 1962.

(c) The line is expected to be opened to traffic by March 1963.

P. & T. Offices in J. & K.

632. { **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:**
Bakshi Abdul Rashid:
Shri Gopal Dutt:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to open new post offices and telegraph offices in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir State during this year; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) Postal.—76 rural post offices are proposed to be opened this year.

Telegraph.—Two Telegraph offices, at Mendhar and Gurez, have been sanctioned and these are likely to be opened during this year. Other proposals are under examination.

Promotion of S.C. and S.T. Employees in Railways

633. **Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the number of **Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe** employees in Railway Board and different Railways, separately who have been promoted as a result of reservation in promotions in different categories of

employment separately since the said reservation was made?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The orders regarding reservation in selection posts only apply to Railways. The Railway Board's office as such is governed by instructions issued from the Ministry of Home Affairs for Secretariat staff.

The information pertaining to the Railways is as under:—

	Sch. Castes	Sch. Tribes
Promotions from Class IV to Class III	2,749	376
Promotion from grade to grade within Class III	1,022	88
Promotion from Class III to Class II	27	5

Shifting of Asstt. Commercial Supdt.'s Office from Titilagarh

634. **Shri Mallick:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Office of the Assistant Commercial Superintendent of Titilagarh under South Eastern Railway is proposed to be shifted to Waltair; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The Office of the Assistant Commercial Superintendent, Titilagarh was transferred to Waltair about 6 months ago when the post of Assistant Commercial Supdt., Titilagarh was upgraded to that of District Commercial Superintendent and transferred to Waltair.

(b) Before the upgrading of the post of A.C.S. Titilagarh to District Commercial Superintendent, the Transportation and Commercial organisations of Waltair District were under the control of a District Traffic Supdt., headquartered at Waltair.

Since this arrangement did not ensure adequate attention to commercial work, it became necessary to convert the post of District Traffic Supdt. into that of District Operating Superintendent and to upgrade the post of Assistant Commercial Superintendent (Titilagarh) to that of District Commercial Superintendent. With this strengthening of the Commercial Organisation, the need for an Asstt. Commercial Superintendent at Titilagarh disappeared.

Tungabhadra High Level Canal

635. **Shri S. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many distributaries have been completed on Tungabhadra High Level Canal;

(b) whether it is a fact that distributaries have been dug without constructing proper bridges on all the old village roads crossing the canal specially near Jalihal Basapur and Jamunathanhalli in Sidhanur Taluk, district Raichur;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the villages have been cut off from their nearby fields on the other side of the canal;

(d) if so, what steps will be taken in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that Tungabhadra Board has refused to construct bridges on all crossing village roads except on pucca roads; and

(f) whether the Centre propose to advise the Board to construct such bridges shortly?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sugar Industries in Tungabhadra Area

636. **Shri S. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been planned to set up sugar industries in Tungabhadra area;

(b) if so, how many of them are on co-operative basis and how many are through joint stock companies; and

(c) how many licences have been issued so far and what kind of companies are they?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). A co-operative factory at Kampli (Distt. Bellary) was established in 1957-58 in the area served by the Tungabhadra Irrigation Project. A draft licence was issued in June, 1960 to a Joint Stock Co. for establishment of a sugar factory at Gangavati in Raichur District. This was cancelled on 4th October, 1961 as the licensee failed to take effective steps to establish the factory.

प्रथम श्रेणी के रेलवे अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति

६३७ { श्री राम सेवक :
श्रीमती गंगादेवी :

नया रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत पांच वर्ष में रेलवे विभाग में कुल कितने प्रथम श्रेणी के पदाधिकारियों की नियुक्तियां की गईं; और

(ख) उपरोक्त पदाधिकारियों में कुल कितने हरिजन लिये गये ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपसंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां): (क) पिछले पांच वर्षों में पहले दर्जे के ६६६ अफसर भर्ती किये गये।

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