

रेलवे रिसर्च विभाग

४६७. श्री इचुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) सन् १९५२ में रेलवे रिसर्च विभाग के सिविल इंजीनियरिंग विंग पर कितना व्यय हुआ ;

(ख) उसने सन् १९५२ में क्या गवने पाय की ;

(ग) सन् १९५२ में रेलवे रिसर्च विभाग के मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग विंग पर कितना व्यय हुआ ; और

(घ) उसने उक्त कालावधि में क्या गवनेपणा कार्य किया ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (c). Separate accounts are not kept of the expenditure on the different Wings of the Research Organisation on the Railways. The total cost of research for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Metallurgical and Chemical Wings including Documentation Service and Library is estimated at Rs. 10.24 lakhs in 1952-53.

(b) and (d). A comprehensive note indicating the work undertaken by the Civil Engineering Wing of the Research Organisation is given at paras. 105 to 109 of the Report by the Railway Board on Indian Railways for 1951-52, Volume I, a copy of which is in the Library of the House. The corresponding details for the Mechanical Engineering Wing will be found at paras. 110 to 113.

POST OFFICES IN COOCH-BEHAR

468. **Shri Barman:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post Offices and Sub-post Offices in the District of Cooch-Bihar (West Bengal);

(b) whether it is a fact that the rural areas of that State are in need of postal communications; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a)—
Head Office 1
Sub Office 67
Branch Office 64

(b) and (c). The programme for opening post offices in villages with population of 2,000 and above has been completed. A new policy taking into account the population to be served by a new post office, as also the distance of the new post office from existing post offices, is shortly going to be laid down. It is hoped that this will further develop postal communications in the Cooch Behar District. 35 new Post Offices were opened in that district during the last 3 years.

मरदह (उत्तर प्रदेश) का डाक खाना

४६९. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या संचारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह तथ्य है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के गाजीपुर जिले में एक मुख्य बाजार तथा शिक्षा केन्द्र मरदह का डाक पोस्ट आफिस (डाकखाना) मरदह से दूरी मील दूर है ; और

(ख) क्या यह तथ्य है कि इस के लिये मंडल प्रजा सोशलिस्ट पार्टी के मंत्री ने संबन्धित अधिकारियों को लिखा है ; और यदि ऐसा है तो सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) There is a full fledged extra departmental branch office at Mardah. In 1949, it was shifted to a hamlet named Kanarsi about 6 furlongs from Mardah, since suitable accommodation was not available in Mardah.

(b) Representations have been received from the Pradhan of the gaon saraha and from the residents of Mardah for change of location of the office. The matter is under examination by the Postmaster General.