

the Coal Commissioner and the number of wagons actually supplied by the Railways for coal loading for the years 1947 to June 1953, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 21.]

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE OFFICES IN
MADHYA BHARAT

526. Shri Damar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open new telegraph and telephone offices in all the Tehsil Head quarters in Madhya Bharat; and

(b) if so, the number of new telegraph and telephone offices proposed to be opened during the year 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The revised policy for the provision of telegraph and telephone facilities at District, Sub-divisional and Tehsil stations is still under consideration. The cases of the Tehsil head-quarters stations in Madhya Bharat will be considered after the decision is taken.

UNIFORMS FOR POSTAL STAFF

527. Shri Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what is the average cost of uniforms per head supplied to postmen and Class IV staff of the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Rs. 30-0-6.

POSTAL INSPECTORS

528. Shri Muniswamy: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an examination for selection of Postal Inspectors was held during the month of October, 1952?

(b) If so, how many candidates appeared for the examination and how many of them were declared qualified?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) 1944 candidates appeared. Presuming that by the term 'qualified' the Member means "selected" the number is 137.

RAILWAY COACHES (FANS)

529. Shri U. M. Trivedi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many III class coaches provided with fans are running on the Ajmer-Khandwa Railway Section?

(b) Are Government aware that many of these coaches have their electric connections for fans removed?

(c) What are the reasons for such removal?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 30.

(b) Some of them had their fans dis-connected.

(c) Against old orders for coaching stock provision was made to fit dynamos and batteries only on half the number on order. A number of coaches received against these orders and not fitted with dynamos and batteries were put into service on Ajmer-Khandwa Section which caused an imbalance between the electric load due to lighting and fannage and the generating capacity on some rakes leading to the fans on some of these coaches being dis-connected to avoid dim lights. More and more coaches are being progressively equipped with dynamos and batteries as and when materials are available to deal with additional fannage load and the position is expected to improve in the near future.

ROAD BRIDGE AT PATHANKOT

530. Shri Ajit-Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated and actual expenditure incurred on construction of road bridge at Pathankot over the River Beas;

(b) the names of agencies who constructed this bridge.