

(b) What was the average carrying capacity of the passenger coaches provided daily in up and down trains on both the sections?

(c) Was the number of coaches daily provided sufficient to carry the passengers?

(d) If not, what steps do the Railway Administration propose to take to relieve the congestion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

MOBILE POST OFFICES IN PUNJAB

619. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in the Punjab where arrangements have been made for having Mobile Post Offices;

(b) the number of such post offices; and

(c) how many new Mobile Post Offices are going to be opened in the Punjab in 1953-54?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The new urban Mobile Post Offices are at present being introduced only in those cities which are connected by Night Air Mail. No city in the Punjab is directly connected by Night Air Mail.

(b) The urban Mobile Post Offices are functioning at 4 places in India viz., Nagpur, Delhi, Madras and Kanpur, and they number 5.

(c) Nil.

POST OFFICES IN PUNJAB

620. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post-offices opened in the Punjab, district-wise, in 1952-53;

(b) the population per post office in the Punjab; and

(c) the special postal arrangements made in the hilly areas of the Punjab?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 9.]

(b) 6,162 persons.

(c) The following arrangements were made in the hilly areas of the Punjab during 1952-53:—

(i) conveyance of mails on motor buses between Alampur-Lambargaon (Kangra Division).

(ii) Frequency of delivery arrangements was increased in 13 places.

(iii) 2 Additional village postmen were employed to improve the delivery arrangements.

(iv) 17 additional letter boxes were planted.

(v) 963 "no-dak" villages were brought under delivery beat system.

TRAINING OF *Gaushala* WORKERS

621. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been made for the training of *Gaushala* workers from various States in India;

(b) if so, where the training centres are located;

(c) how many workers have been trained so far (State-wise); and

(d) whether there are any non-official training centres in India?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) There is only one centre at present which is located at Pipri (Wardha).

(c) The first batch of 15 workers will complete their training in December, 1953. The workers come from the following States: