

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) By duly constituted Selection Boards who consider cases of all persons considered suitable for promotion on the basis of their Confidential Reports and relevant data concerning them and put up their findings in the form of recommendations to the General Manager.

(b) On 3rd August, 1953 and 17th February, 1953 respectively.

(c) 23 and 21 respectively.

(d) 5 and 6 respectively.

#### LOANS TO AGRICULTURISTS

**476. Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of loan given to the Madras State for giving loans to agriculturists to purchase tractors or other agricultural implements under the "Grow More Food" scheme during the year 1953-54?

(b) What amount has been drawn by the State and given to agriculturists as loans?

(c) Are any conditions imposed for granting loans to agriculturists and if so, what?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) No, Sir.

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

#### NEW ROADS IN TRIPURA

**477. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a new road connecting Kailashahr—Kumarghat and Kailashahr—Fatikroy in Tripura;

(b) if so, the estimated sum for that purpose; and

(c) whether the preliminary work has been undertaken so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 8.23 lakhs, approximately.

#### SILT UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGES

**478. { Shri H. S. Prasad:  
Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that owing to choking of the river beds under the railway bridges around the pillars, flood troubles have been aggravated, specially in the Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to clear silt accumulated under the railway bridges?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No such cases have been reported to Government so far.

(b) Does not arise.

#### देहाती डाक घर

४७९. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या संघरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) २००० या उस से अधिक जन संख्या वाले क्षेत्रों में खोले गये देहाती डाक-घरों में से कितन घाट पर चल रहे हैं ; तथा

(ख) १९५२-५३ में इन से कितनी हानि हुई है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 10,824

(b) Separate figures of loss on post offices of the category, referred to in part (a) of the Question, are not available. The loss incurred on all experimental post offices in 1952-53 was a little over Rs. 17,58,000.