

(b) and (c)

Name of place	Whether representation received or not.	Action taken
1. Baijnath	—	PCO already opened.
2. Nagrota-Bagwan	—	" "
3. Paprola	—	" "
4. Shahpur	—	" "
5. Kulu	Yes	PCO sanctioned
6. Nurpur	"	" "
7. Nagar Katrain	"	Will be taken up after opening Kulu PCO
8. Menali	"	" "

Hoshiarpur District

1. Barwain	Yes	Not	feasible
2. Gagret	No	No	examined

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

406. **Shri J. R. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers recruited directly to Class I post of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers during the period from the 1st April, 1950 to the 28th February, 1955;

(b) the number of temporary engineers confirmed in Class I Service during the same period; and

(c) how many of these temporary engineers belonged to the ex-State Railways and how many to the other Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagasan):
(a) 35.

(b) 11, excluding officers recruited on a temporary basis to the Indian Railway Service of Engineers through Competitive Examination held by the U.P.S.C. on Indian Railways and by the ex-Company Managed Railways during 1942-45.

(c) None belonged to the ex-State Railways.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

407. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the open line staff has been restored to work for twelve hours a day;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) whether they are paid overtime allowance?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagasan):
(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, if they work beyond the specified hours, in accordance with the Hours of Employment Regulations.

SUGAR FACTORY AT CHODAVARAM

408. **Shri P. Subba Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application for a licence to open a sugar factory at Chodavaram in Visakhapatnam District (Andhra State) has been received;

(b) whether Government propose to grant the licence;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) the number of sugar factories at present in the Visakhapatnam District and the annual consumption of sugar in that District?