

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** Eight rural and one urban post offices were opened in Punjab State from 1st April, 1955 to 31st July, 1955.

### Flying Clubs

**495. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of (i) subsidized flying clubs and (ii) Gliding Clubs in the country on the 1st July, 1955;

(b) the amount of subsidy given to them separately during 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 so far; and

(c) the number of pilots trained by them during the last twelve months?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) (i) 11

(ii) 1 (excluding the Departmental Gliding Centre at Poona)

(b) and (c). The subsidies paid to the Flying and Gliding Clubs and the number of pilots trained by them are indicated in attached statement [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 24]

### Wool

**496. Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the total production of wool in the country during the year 1954-55?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** According to the tentative estimate based on the 1951 Live stock Census, the total annual production of wool in the country is put at 60 Million lbs. No subsequent estimate is available.

### Public Call Offices

**497. Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Public Call Offices have been provided in Bihar in recent months; and

(b) the places where they will be provided during the current year?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) Public Call Offices have been opened at the following five places since January 1955:

1. Barhiya
2. Nawada
3. Lakhisarai
4. Nasariganj
5. Rajmahal

(b) It is proposed to open Public Call Offices at the following 30 places during the current year, subject to availability of materials in due time for the completion of the respective works:—

1. Balarampur
2. Banka
3. Baragania
4. Bhagwanpur
5. Bikram
6. Bikramganj
7. Burhee
8. Chatra
9. Dalsinghsarai
10. Dhang
11. Godda
12. Gumla
13. Janakpur Rd.
14. Lalganj
15. Latehar
16. Madhepura
17. Mahua
18. Muskipur
19. Nirmali
20. Pakur
21. Piru
22. Pusa
23. Raghunathpur
24. Russera
25. Sahpurpathi
26. Sakri
27. Sheikhpura
28. Simdega
29. Suhridnagar
30. Supaul

### New Railway Stations

**498. Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to convert the Lohat siding station on the Darbhanga-Jayrager section of the North Eastern Railway into a Railway Station; and

(b) if so, when this proposal will materialise?

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

(b) Does not arise.

### Saharsa Railway Station

**499. Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Railway Administration to provide a new Railway Station at Saharsa on the North Eastern Railway to serve the new area of the newly created district headquarters; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?