

(d) the quantity of wheat and rice imported as a result of the arrangement made under P.L. 480 from the time the arrangement was made upto the 31st October, 1957 and the amount of freight paid on such imports, (separate figures being given for the amount of freight paid to national ships and that paid to the foreign ships); and

(e) the programme of Government for the import of wheat and rice for the remaining portion of the current years, viz., 1957-58 and for the next year, viz., 1958-59, giving separate figures for the quantity of wheat and of rice which Government have planned to import during these periods?

**The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) to (d). A statement giving necessary information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 141]

(e) The future programme of imports has not yet finalised.

#### National Highway No. 6

1474. **Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to widen the hilly road between Keonjhar and Pal-lahara which is a part of National Highway No 6?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** The hilly section of National Highway 6, between Keonjhar and Pal-lahara, is a new road under construction. The first stage work is in progress. After that improvement to National Highway standards, including widening, will be undertaken.

#### Bridge over Subarnarekha

1475. **Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state when the bridge over Subarnarekha on National Highway No. 6 will be completed?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** The bridge is likely to be completed by the middle of 1959.

#### बिजानेर में तार तथा टेलीफोन की सुविधाएँ

१४७६ की ५० सा० बाक़राज : क्या परिब्रह्म तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि राजस्थान में १९५६ में कितने तथा कहा कहा तार तथा टेलीफोन बर खोले गये ?

परिब्रह्म तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) : इस सम्बन्ध में एक विचारण सभा के पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या १४२]

#### Delay in Postal Deliveries

1477. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri M. Elias:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the grievance of people residing in and about Dainhat Municipality, District Burdwan, West Bengal that money orders, letters and other postal articles are not delivered on the same day on which they are received; and

(b) if so, whether such restrictions will be removed?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). Money orders, letters and other postal articles are delivered in Dainhat proper on the day of their receipt. Complaints have however been received of delay in delivery in areas around Dainhat. These delays were due to the large increase in population and establishment of new refugee colonies. Necessary additional staff has since been sanctioned for Dainhat Post Office to enable delivery of mails in all these contiguous areas on the day of receipt.