

modation—rented as well as surplus in any departmental building—in any health resort of repute.

(b) No definite number can be indicated at this stage.

#### Employees on Southern Railway

100. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees on the Southern Railway declared medically unfit during 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) the number of employees who were offered and absorbed into alternative jobs on their old pay;

(c) the number of employees who were offered alternative jobs on lower pay; and

(d) the number of employees who were retired from service on medical grounds?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):**

	1955-56	1956-57
(a)	502	465
(b)	180	144
(c)	170	119
(d)	172	202

#### Committee for Postal Forms

101. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by Government to investigate the problems of printing, supply and consumption of postal and telegraph forms has held any meeting; and

(b) when the committee propose to submit their final report?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes. One meeting.

(b) It is hoped in about six months time.

#### Rajasthan Canal

102. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the funds allotted for the Sarhind Feeder and Rajasthan Canal to Punjab and Rajasthan Governments respectively by the Central Government for 1957-58?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Pathi):** No request for funds during 1957-58 has been received from the Punjab Government for Sirhind Feeder Project.

As regards Rajasthan Canal, the Government of Rajasthan have asked for a provision of Rs. 1.6 crores during 1957-58. The question of allotment is under consideration.

#### Opening of New Post Offices

104. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many new post offices were to be opened and the status of how many of the old ones was to be raised in the first Five Year Plan in the State of Punjab and how far the target fixed was implemented, district-wise;

(b) how many cases of opening of new branch post offices and raising the status of the old ones have been transferred from the First Plan period to that of the Second Plan in each district of that State and the reasons therefor;

(c) how many cases of opening of new branch post offices have been finalised to be opened in the Ferozepore district in the current year; and

(d) the location of such offices in the district?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) During the first Five-Year Plan period no specific district or statewide targets were fixed either for opening new post offices or for raising status of the existing ones. However, there was an all-India target for opening new post offices, which

aimed at having 55,000 post offices at the end of the Plan period and this was fully achieved.

A statement explanatory of the policy followed in the opening of new post offices during the plan period is laid on the Table of the Sabha. In accordance with this policy, 720 new post offices were opened in Punjab State during the period. District-wise details of these offices are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 40.]

92 post offices were also upgraded in this State under the normal rules during the period. District-wise information in respect of these offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 40.]

#### Hydro-electric Projects in Himachal Pradesh

105. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to harness the rivers of Himachal Pradesh which have power generating potentialities;

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken so far; and

(c) which of these rivers Government propose to harness in the future?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Nogli Hydro-electric scheme on the Nogli stream tributary of the Sutlej with an initial installation of 500 K.W. is currently under implementation.

(c) Ravi, Beas, Sutlej and their tributaries.

#### National Water Supply and Sanitation Programmes

106. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 702 on the 31st May, 1957 and state the places where some more environmental Sanitation Projects sponsored by the World Health Organisation are proposed to be taken up?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): It is proposed to establish one more environmental Sanitation Project sponsored by the World Health Organisation in the State of Uttar Pradesh. A proposal for the establishment of a Pilot Project in Bihar is also under consideration.

#### Schools in Himachal Pradesh

108. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of primary, middle and high schools in the Himachal Pradesh and the number of students studying in them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivall):

No of institutions	No. of Students
(i) High Schools	45 20,927
(ii) Middle Schools	108 17,446
(iii) Primary Schools	771 38,054

#### Army School of Education, Pachmarhi

109. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) since how long the question of permanent location of the Army School of Education which is at present functioning at Pachmarhi has been engaging the attention of Government;

(b) whether Government have taken any final decision about its permanent location;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor: