

short supplies of diesel and kerosene:—

- (i) Availability of diesel and kerosene is being augmented by additional imports.
- (ii) Allocations, of High Speed Diesel and kerosene to the States and Union Territories have been increased for the month of March, 1980.
- (iii) Improvement in the rail movement of petroleum products is being effected by pressing more tank-wagons into service reducing the turn around time of tank-wagons and according a higher priority to the movement of these wagons over goods and passenger services.
- (iv) During March, 1980, road bridging of products is also being maximised.

Employees of the P&T Department in North East Region

925. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees under the North East Region Circle of the Post and Telegraphs Department;

(b) how many of them are in the Posts and Telegraph Office within Assam;

(c) how many of the employees within Assam are (i) Assamese (ii) Bengalis (iii) Khasis (iv) Nagas and (v) others; and

(d) how many of the employees are (i) Bangladeshis and (ii) other foreign nationals?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Enquiry against the Superintendent of Post Offices of Etawah

926. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that preliminary enquiries were made when serious allegations of corruption and malpractices were made against the Superintendent of Post Offices of Etawah Division Shri R.V.L. Avasthy;

(b) if so, what were the nature of charges enquired into;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of preliminary enquiry, SPO Etawah was ordered to be transferred from Etawah to some other place;

(d) if so, when the order was issued;

(e) whether he has been actually transferred; and

(f) if not, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) Yes. Preliminary enquiry is in progress.

(b) The allegations relate to moral turpitude and lack of integrity.

(c) to (f) The officer was ordered to be posted out of Etawah on 20-11-1979. His request for retention at Etawah till the educational session of his children, was acceded to and he has been retained at Etawah till May, 1980, as a temporary measure.

Entry fees for visiting historical monuments

927. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an entrance fee is levied for visiting important historical monuments in the country;

(b) if so, what is the amount that has been collected on this account during the last three years; and