bags and covers containing E. D. articles and for ensuring their prompt delivery to addressees.

(ii) Mechanised transport, *e.g.*, mail motor, motor cycle, motor rickshaws, is being increasingly utilised for conveyance of bags containing E. D. articles from mail offices to the delivery offices. Delivery is being effected by messengers on cycles.

खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक में कमी

२६६. **श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया** : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री ९ मई, १९६२ को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २८४ के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक की कमी में, जो वर्ष १९५६–५७ में ०.०२७ प्रतिशत थी और वर्ष १९५९–६० में ०.६७ प्रतिशत हो गई है, वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) खाद्यान्नों की ठीक तरह से सुरक्षा हो सके, उसके बारे में क्या नवीन कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

†[SHORTAGE IN FOODGRAINS STOCKS

266. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 284 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1962 and state:

(a) the reasons for an increase in shortage in the stocks of foodgrains from 0·027 per cent. in the year 1956-57 to 0·67 per cent. in the year 1959-60; and

(b) what new steps are being taken to ensure proper protection of foodgrains?]

खाद्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थामस) : (क) १९५७–५८ से पूर्व हमारे भण्डार थोड़े थे और उनकी अदला-बदली जल्दी जल्दी होती थी जिसके परिणामस्वरूप खाद्यान्नों को बिगड़ने के लिये समय कम मिलता था । अब हमारे भण्डार पहले से बहुत बड़े हैं और खाद्यान्नों को बाहर भेजने से पहले, काफी अधिक समय के लिये गोदामों में रखना पड़ता है ।

(ख) खाद्यान्नों का संचयन करने के लिये अधिक से अधिक सरकार द्वारा बनाए गए गोदाम प्रयोग में लाए जा रहे हैं । ये गोदाम वैज्ञानिक ढंग से बनाये जाते हैं, इनमें सीलन नहीं होती, पानी नहीं टपक सकता और हवादार होते हैं । परिरक्षण के तरीकों तथा पद्धतियों का सुधार करने के लिये उनका निरन्तर अध्ययन होता रहता है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Our stocks prior to 1957-58 were small and there was quicker turnover with the result that the period over which deterioration could take place was very short. Now our reserves are much larger and they have to be kept in storage for much longer periods before they are issued out.

(b) More and more Government constructed accommodation is being brought into use for storage of foodgrains. These structures are built on scientific lines, are damp proof, protected against leakage and are well ventilated. Improvement in methods and techniques of preservation is constantly under study.]

100' WIDE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

267. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under

†[ ] English translation.

Government's consideration for constructing a 100 feet wide National Highway from Delhi to Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): Delhi and Calcutta are already connected by National Highway No. 2 which has got a width of carriageway varying from 12' to 22'. There is no proposal for constructing a 100 ft. wide National Highway from Delhi to Calcutta.

IMPORT OF LUXURY AND TOURIST CARS

268. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is negotiating a barter agreement with Chrysler Corporation of the United States of America for the import of luxury and tourist cars; and

(b) what is the basis of this barter deal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No, Sir. A proposal in this connection was received from Air India some months ago and is being examined by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(b) The basis of the proposal is that Air India would receive cars from a motor car manufacturer in exchange for first-class travel for his executives on certain Air India services.

उत्तर प्रदेश में डाक-तार विभाग की हुई हानि

२६९. **श्री महाबीर दास** : क्या **परिवहन तथा संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९६०-६१ के वर्ष में उत्तर प्रदेश में डाक-तार विभाग को चोरी, जालसाज़ी, बट्टे, आग और बाढ़ के कारण कितनी हानि हुई ;

(ख) १९६०-६१ के वर्ष में कितने मामलों में विभागीय धन का दुर्विनियोग किया गया और इन मामलों के कारण कितनी हानि हुई ; और

(ग) १९६०-६१ के वर्ष में कितने मूल्य का माल स्टोर से चोरी गया और सेविंग बैंक, मनीआर्डरों और बीमाकृत वस्तुओं से कितने धन की हानि हुई ?

†[LOSSES TO P. & T. DEPARTMENT IN U. P.

269. SHRI MAHABIR DASS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered by the Posts and Telegraphs Department in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1960-61 on account of thefts, forgery, wastage, fire and floods;

(b) the number of cases in which departmental money was misappropriated during the year 1960-61 and the extent of loss on account of these cases; and

(c) the value of goods stolen from the stores and the money lost in Savings Bank, Money Orders and insured articles during the year 1960-61?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बी० भगवती) : (क) से (ग) सभा पटल पर एक विवरण पत्र रखा जाता है।

विवरण

(क) चोरी (हानि सहित) तथा जालसाज़ी (दुर्विनियोग सहित) .	रु० ८२,२८४·५५
अपव्यय .	कुछ नहीं
आग . .	रु० ९३·००
बाढ़ . .	कुछ नहीं

†[ ] English translation.