

sugar and foodgrains have risen very high as goods of Indian traders were held up at border railway station by the Government of Pakistan during January last; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of the rise in prices and what steps Government have taken in this respect?]

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रों (श्री ए. पी. जैन): (क) और (ख). जो हां, भारतीय व्यापारियों का माल कुछ समय तक अखौड़ा पर रोका गया था। परन्तु अब कुछ माल का उठान सम्भव हो गया है। इस बीच के काल में कुछ आवश्यक वस्तुएँ कलकत्ता से वायुयान द्वारा ले जाई गईं। व्यापारियों को कह दिया गया है कि वह माल अखिल भारतीय मार्ग, कलकलीघाट या पठारकण्डी, से ले जावें! माल की पहुंच में रुकावट हो जाने से कुछ आवश्यक वस्तुओं के भाव पर बड़ा प्रभाव पड़ा है, यह सूचना त्रिपुरा सरकार से प्राप्त की जा रही है। इसका एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रख दिया जायेगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) and (b). Yes, The goods of the Indian traders were held up at Akhaura for some time but clearance on a limited scale has become possible now. During the intervening period certain essential commodities were air-lifted from Calcutta. The traders have also been advised to get supplies through the all-India route via Kalkalighat or Patharakandi. The effect of the interruption in supplies on the prices of certain important articles is being ascertained from the Tripura Administration and a statement will be placed on the Table.]

#### RATES OF COARSE GRAINS

31. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the rates of coarse grains, such as

† [ ] English translation.

jowar, bajra and makka, that prevailed during the *kharif* seasons of 1955, 1956 and 1957 in the coarse grain producing regions?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): Statements showing month-end prices of *jowar*, *bajra* and *maize* in important centres during the years 1955, 1956 and 1957 are attached. [See Appendix XX, Annexure No. 18.]

CONTRACT FOR A CYCLE STAND AT RAJA-KI-MANDI RAILWAY STATION AT AGRA

32. SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there are any difficulties in giving contract for a cycle stand at Raja-ki-Mandi railway station at Agra and, if so, what are they?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The need for the provision of a cycle stand at Raja-ki-Mandi station on the Central Railway has been accepted. Tenders for the contract have since been invited and it is expected that the cycle stand will start functioning very shortly.

ग्रामों के डाकखानों में पूरे समय तथा कुछ समय काम करने वाले पोस्टमास्टर

३३. श्री राम सहाय : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय (डाक तथा तार) के १९५७-५८ के संक्षिप्त प्रतिवेदन के पृष्ठ १ को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १ अप्रैल, १९५७ से ३० नवम्बर, १९५७ तक की अवधि में ग्राम्य क्षेत्रों में जो ७३५ नये डाकखाने खोले गये उनमें (i) कितने ऐसे हैं जिनमें पूरे समय और (ii) कितने ऐसे हैं जिनमें कुछ समय काम करने वाले पोस्टमास्टर हैं; और

(ख) किस किस प्रदेश में ऐसे कितने कितने डाक खाने खोले गये हैं ?

†[WHOLE-TIME AND PART-TIME POST-MASTERS IN RURAL POST OFFICES

33. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to page 1 of the Summary Report of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Posts and Telegraphs) for the year 1957-58 and state:

(a) how many of the 735 new post offices opened in rural areas during the period April 1, 1957 to November 30, 1957, have (i) whole-time and (ii) part-time postmasters; and

(b) the circles in which such post offices have been opened and their number in each circle?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) और (ख)। इस सम्बन्ध में एक विवरण-पत्र सभा-पटल पर रखा जाता है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट २०, अनुपम संख्या १६]

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (See Appendix XX, Annexure No. 19.)]

#### INDUSTRIAL LOANS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

34. SHRI C. L. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of industrial loans allotted to Himachal Pradesh from 1st April, 1952 to 31st December, 1957;

(b) the number of applications which were received from persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for industrial loans during the same period and the number of applications sanctioned;

(c) the total number of applications received and sanctioned, tehsil-wise

in each district of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) the total number of Government servants who secured industrial loans during the same period, tehsil-wise, in each district of Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) to (c). During 1956-57 and 1957-58 loans to the extent of Rs. 11,500 and Rs. 44,800 respectively have been disbursed in Himachal Pradesh. It is regretted that further information is not available as the records of the Himachal Pradesh Secretariat were destroyed by fire in May 1951. Efforts are however, being made to collect the information and the available information will be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(d) The State Aid to Industries Rules do not provide for advancing loans to Government servants.

#### देश में साइकिलों का निर्माण

३५. श्री राम सहाय : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में कितने कारखाने साइकिल तैयार करने का काम कर रहे हैं और प्रत्येक ऐसे कारखाने में कितनी साइकिलें प्रतिदिन तैयार होती हैं ?

†[MANUFACTURE OF CYCLES IN THE COUNTRY

35. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number of factories engaged in the manufacture of cycles in the country and the number of cycles manufactured per day in each of those factories?]

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी झार० देसाई) : बड़े पैमाने पर