

been chosen in that case in preference to Bengali?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Because, Sir, generally, some people take delight in speaking in English and not in the regional language.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Did I understand the hon. Minister correctly when he said that both English and Hindi are used as national languages?

MR. CHAIRMAN: For the present.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: English never used to be taken as a national language; neither Hindi that way. It is Rashtra-Bhasha in the Constitution.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान: इस मशीन में स्पीचेज नहीं होती हैं, न बंगाली की न हिन्दी की, बल्कि जो हिंदसे हैं—१, २, ३, ४, ७ वगैरह—वही सुने जाते हैं जो कि बंगाली और हिन्दी में एक ही हैं। क्या यह सच है ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : जी हां, ऐसा ही है। बहुत सरल है। भूपेश गुप्ता जी बेकार नाराज हो रहे हैं। सब समझ लेते हैं। इसमें कोई कठिनाई नहीं है।

POST OFFICES IN HISSAR DISTRICT

*375. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices at present in existence in Hissar District and the number of villages in that District where there are no post offices; and

(b) how many persons in Hissar District were prosecuted during the year 1956 for using radio sets without licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYAN KABIR) : (a) (i) Number of Post Offices in existence on 1st August 1957231.

(ii) Number of villages without Post Offices according to the 1951 Census Report.....797.

(b) S-x persons.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know, Sir, the amount realised from these defaulters as fine?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Out of six cases, Sir, four were compounded in the court, and one person was fined a sum of Rs. 15. The sixth person was not traced.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVER-BRIDGE AT JAKHAL RAILWAY STATION

*376. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no over-bridge provided for the persons of Mandi area at Jakhal Railway Junction on Northern Railway,

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to construct an over-bridge there; and

(c) if so, when such a bridge is likely to be constructed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing foot overbridge is proposed to be extended to connect approach road on Mandi side.

(c) After 1958-59, subject to availability of funds and steel.

ISSUE OF CONCESSION TICKETS FOR RAILWAY TRAVEL

*377. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue concession tickets from August 15 to September 15, 1957 for travel from place to place; and