

season, namely, from November to January, there is over-crowding and travelling on roofs of trains to some extent on this section.

(b) Yes.

(c) (i) During November and December 1954, special trains were run to clear the passengers left behind.

(ii) Trains Nos. 305 and 306, which were diverted to Domohani from 13th November 1954, are being run through to and from Alipurduar from 10th February 1955.

(iii) Further examination of this problem is being made and whatever action is practicable will be taken.

P. AND T. COLONIES

390. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Posts and Telegraphs colonies are being constructed in the current year to house the Posts and Telegraphs staff; and

(b) if so, at what cost and at which places?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes.

(b) The places where the works on construction of P. & T. Colonies are in progress and their approximate cost are given below:

	Rs.
Ambala	6,25,000
Nagpur	8,00,000
Bombay Santan Cruz and Vadala	31,50,300
Kurnool	3,36,000

Approval has been accorded and sites have also been selected and taken over for the following Colonies: —

	Rs.
Patna ...	12,00,000
Siliguri	11,02,000
Ootacamund ...	6,45,000
Madras Air Port ...	7,00,000
Jaipur	5,11,100

COURTESY WEEK ON THE RAILWAYS

391. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a courtesy week is observed once a year on the Railways; and

(b) if so, how many courtesy weeks have so far been observed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): A courtesy week is observed at periodic intervals, not necessarily once a year.

(b) North-Eastern Railway	3
Eastern Railway	... 3
Other Railways	... 2 ea»-h

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN NE?A

392. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post and telegraph offices in the North-East Frontier Agency area; and

(b) how many new post and telegraph offices are proposed to be set up in that area in the coming three years?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Post Offices without telegraph branches 10. Combined Post and Telegraph offices 2.

(b) 7 post offices (5 departmental sub-offices and 2 extra-departmental branch offices) are due to be opened at the request of the North-East Frontier Agency by the 31st March 1956. Of these, 4 will be combined post and telegraph offices. The question of opening post and telegraph offices in the next two years, 1956-57 and 1957-58, will depend upon the policy to be enunciated for the Second Five Year Plan which is under consideration.