

(b) the expenditure incurred in establishing these post offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

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

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

30. KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway lines constructed so far in the year 1954; and

(b) the old railway lines closed to traffic during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The undermentioned new railway lines have been opened to traffic so far in the year 1954:—

1. Rail Link to Chandigarh, Northern Railway.

2. Tordi Sagar-Toda Rai Singh portion of the Sanganer Town-Deoli Extension, Western Railway.

3. Chunar - Robertsganj - Churk, Northern Railway.

4. Rajkot Town-Rajkot Junction Realignment, Western Railway.

5. Madhepura-Murliganj, North, Eastern Railway.

(b) Rangapara North-Balipara portion of the Tezpur-Balipara Railway is the only old railway line closed during this period.

OPENING OF POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES

31. KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of—

(i) post offices, and

(ii) telegraph offices,

opened in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the number of—

(i) post offices, and

(ii) telegraph offices,

which are to be opened in that State in the year 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) (i) and (ii). During the year 1953-54, 292 post offices and 11 Posts and Telegraphs combined offices and 1 departmental telegraph office were opened in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) (i) 401 post offices,

(ii) 28 telegraph offices.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

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

(a) the number of places in India where the sun's total eclipse on the 30th June 1954, was observed; and

(b) the number of foreign scientists who came to India on the occasion and the places from which they observed the sun's eclipse on that day?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) The total solar eclipse of the 30th June 1954, was observed by a party of meteorologists at Phalodi in Rajasthan.

(b) Nil.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORGANISATIONS

33. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) when the next conference of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations is going to be held and at what place it is to be held;