

**SIDING ACCOMMODATION IN JHARIA AND
RANIGANJ COAL-FIELDS**

*685. SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great dearth of siding accommodation in Jharia and Raniganj coal-fields; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to remove this shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) This is not correct information.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is the hon. Deputy Minister aware that coal has been accumulating near the collieries in West Bengal and Bihar on account of difficulties of getting siding accommodation near the railways where the wagons could be brought?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: As I have said, as far as our information goes, there is a lot of loading accommodation still available for further allotment, in all the areas Asansol, Dhan-bad and Jharia.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Does the hon. Deputy Minister know that with regard to certain collieries there has been difficulty in obtaining siding accommodation even when they are assisted or fully paid by the collieries themselves?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: As I have said, no such problem has arisen; we are in a position to allot loading space.

SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Is it a fact that some of the collieries in Jharia and Raniganj have applied to Government for construction of sidings at their own cost and even then the sidings have not been constructed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, all such requests are considered and they are granted or refused as the case may be on the merits of each case.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Has the hon. Minister enquired whether applications are still pending for the provisions of siding accommodation which have not been acceded to by the Railway authorities?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, this is a sort of a continuous affair. Whenever a particular concern feels that they should have a private siding or an assisted siding they do apply and the request is considered. There may be requests pending and under consideration.

**मध्य भारत में खोले गये डाक, तार
तथा पब्लिक काल आफिसें**

***६८६. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या
संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि
पिछले पांच वर्षों में मध्यभारत में किन
किन स्थानों पर नये डाक, तार तथा
पब्लिक काल आफिसें खोले गये ?**

f [NEW POST, TELEGRAPH AND PUBLIC CALL
OFFICES OPENED IN MADHYA BHARAT

*686. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of the places in Madhya Bharat where new post, telegraph and public call offices have been opened during the last five years?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): Information is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it becomes available.

**श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : मैं अपने
सवाल का जवाब हिन्दी में चाहता हूँ।**

†[SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: I want the reply to my question in Hindi.]

English translation.

श्री राज बहादुर : सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और जैसे ही वह हो जायेगी उसको प्रस्तुत किया जायेगा ।

t[SHRi RAJ BAHADUR: Information is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it becomes available.]

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि आगामी दो वर्षों में कहीं कहीं पोस्ट आफिस खोले जाने की व्यवस्था है ?

t[SHRi KRISHNAKANT VYAS: May I know where post offices are going to be opened in the next two years?]

श्री राज बहादुर : उनका पूरा विवरण या पूरी सूचना देना मेरे लिये सम्प्रति असम्भव है । लेकिन यह कहा जा सकता है कि हमारी यह योजना है कि दो हजार की जनसंख्या वाले गांवों में और जितने भी ग्राम समूह ऐसे हैं जिनके तीन मील के दायरे में कोई पोस्ट आफिस नहीं है, वहाँ नये पोस्ट आफिस खोले जायें ।

t[SHRi RAJ BAHADUR: It is impossible for me to give the details. But it may be said that our scheme is to 'establish new post offices in villages having a population of two thousand each and in all those village groups which have no post office within an area of three miles.]

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मंत्री महोदय जानते हैं कि जनसंख्या के आधार पर नये राज्यों की तुलना में मध्य भारत, डाक, तार और टेलीफोन के मामले में, काफी पीछे है ? यदि हाँ, तो उस कमी का क्या कारण है ?

t[SHRi KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that in comparison to other new States

English translation.

on population basis Madhya Bharat is very much backward in respect of posts, telegraphs and telephones? If so, what are the reasons therefor?]

श्री राज बहादुर : "ख" श्रेणी के राज्यों की लगभग यही अवस्था है ।

t[SHRi RAJ BAHADUR: The same conditions prevail in almost all the Part B States.]

भूतपूर्व सिन्धिया स्टेट रेलवे की छोटी गाड़ियों का बन्द किया जाना

*६८७. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि रेलवे प्रशासन मध्य भारत में चलने वाली भूतपूर्व सिन्धिया स्टेट रेलवे की छोटी गाड़ियों का चलना बन्द करने जा रहा है; और यदि हाँ तो क्यों ;

t[DISCONTINUANCE OF NARROW-GAUGE TRAINS OF THE EX-SCINDIA STATE RAILWAY

*687. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Railway Administration propose to discontinue the narrow-gauge trains on the ex-Scindia State Railway in Madhya Bharat; and if so, why?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): No. Sir.

श्री अध्यक्ष : हिन्दी में ।

t[MR. CHAIRMAN: In Hindi.]

श्री ओ० वी० अलगेसन : जी नहीं ।

[SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No, Sir.]