

- (vii) Intensification of the programme of Gram Sahayaks' Training in agriculture and other subjects.
- (viii) Orientation training of non-official members of Block Development Committees.
- (ix) Study Camps of MPs and M.L.As.

Rourkela-Barsua Railway Line

*1042. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1075 on the 17th December, 1958 and state:

- (a) the progress made so far in the construction of railway line from Rourkela to Barsua iron mines, and
- (b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) An overall progress of 75 per cent has been achieved to the end of February, 1959

(b) Rs 3.36 crores upto the end of January, 1959

Calcutta Telephone Automatisation Project

Shri Subodh Hansda:

- *1043. Shri S. C. Samanta:
- Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total capital outlay of the Calcutta Telephone Automatisation Project during the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) total amount spent so far.

(c) total number of new connections given through the automatic exchange,

(d) whether the working expenses have gone down as a result of automatisation; and

(e) if so, by what amount as compared to pre-automatisation period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Rs. 217.42 lakhs net (Estimated).

(b) Approximately Rs. 172 lakhs upto 31st December, 1958.

(c) 22,280 direct exchange lines and 31,000 telephones (Approx.) upto 31st January, 1959.

(d) No, but size and ultimate capacity of system have been greatly increased.

(e) Does not arise.

T.B. in Delhi

*1044 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the nature of measures taken or proposed to be taken to fight T.B. in Delhi?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix III annexure No 51]

Dakotas

*1045 Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 278 on the 27th November, 1958 regarding replacement of overaged Dakotas flying on various routes in the country and state the steps taken so far in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): The question of selection of a suitable aircraft to replace the Dakota is still under consideration

Blank Grenade on Railway Track

- *1046. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
- { Shri Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a blank grenade was found lying near the railway track between Kandrori and Mir-

thal stations on the Pathankot-Jullundur section of the Northern Railway on the 26th February, 1959; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to trace the culprits?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes. A blank grenade was found near the railway track between Kandrori and Mirthal railway stations on 25-2-59 and not on 26.2.1959.

(b) According to the opinion of the Ammunition Expert of the Army it was a dummy 3" grenade and did not contain any explosive. It appears that this material was left by some army personnel during the course of their training and no foul play is suspected. No case, therefore, has been registered by the Government Railway Police.

Locomotives

1546 { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tantla:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the total number and types of locomotives manufactured in TELCO, Jamshedpur during 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far.

(b) the cost of each locomotive,

(c) the total number and types of locomotives manufactured in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works during the same period,

(d) the cost of each locomotive;

(e) the total number and types of locomotives imported from foreign countries, country-wise, during the same period;

(f) the cost of each locomotive; and

(g) the total amount of foreign exchange incurred on their import?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (g). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No 52.]

Re-Modelling of Jaipur Station

1547. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1172 on the 9th December, 1958 and state:

(a) the amount spent up-to-date on the re-modelling of Jaipur Station;

(b) whether the entire project of re-modelling has been completed; and

(c) if not, the date by which this work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Approximately Rs. 16,50,000, -.

(b) Over 98 per cent has been completed.

(c) By about end of May 1959.

Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Punjab

1548. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the total number of post offices of all categories, telephone and telegraph offices, and telephone exchanges which were proposed to be opened in Punjab during 1958; and

(b) the number of such offices actually opened during the said period separately and District-wise?

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 III, annexure No. 53.]