

Sale of Books and Newspapers on Railway Stations

*1303. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wheeler & Company, who have got the sole right of selling books and newspapers from Railway stalls in the Gujarat section of the Western Railway, have not made any arrangements for selling such material on the stations located on the Ahmedabad-Khed-Brahma line;

(b) whether some other persons have applied for selling newspapers, etc at any station on that line; and

(c) whether such licences have been withheld from such persons for years past thus resulting in non-availability of newspapers to passengers travelling on that line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) Under the existing terms of the agreement executed by the Western Railway Administration with Messrs A H Wheeler & Co Ltd, requests for licenses from other parties could not be accepted

However, what arrangements can be made for the sale of newspapers etc at some stations on that section is under consideration

Settlement Operation in Manipur

*1305. **Shri L Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether settlement operations have started in the Valley of Manipur; and

(b) if so, whether any principles have been laid down for classification of the lands to be surveyed?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

Rourkela-Talcher Rail Line

*1306. **Shri P G Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of work in the construction of the rail line from Rourkela to Talcher via Barkote in the State of Orissa, and

(b) what priority has been assigned now for allocation of funds for the above purpose after the setting up of Rourkela Steel Plant?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V Ramaswamy): (a) The Rourkela-Talcher line is not included in the Second Five Year Plan, but a 23 mile portion of this route from Rourkela to Patasai falls on the Rourkela-Dumaro new line under construction for the transport of iron ore to the Steel Plant

(b) Does not arise

Daulat Committee Report on Bhakra Project

*1308. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the Delhi *Hindustan Standard* dated the 18th February, 1959 in regard to the findings of the Daulat Committee on the construction and expenditure of Bhakra Works,

(b) whether, since the Government of India are the main financiers of these works, the report was made available to them by the Punjab Government before the latter took decisions in regard to the Committee's recommendations,

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto;

(d) the advice given by the Central Government to the Punjab Government in this connection; and

(e) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?