

staff of the Circles in Southern India. It is, however, proposed to open a residential Training Centre at Trivandrum for certain cadres.

(c) As soon as the necessary alterations in the buildings have been completed and the required equipment obtained and installed.

(d) The Training Centre at Trivandrum will impart training to candidates recruited for appointment in the higher non-gazetted technical cadres and also to certain operative cadres.

Taxes on Motor Vehicles in India

*292. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken about the consolidation of taxes on motor vehicles in India; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The question of consolidation of the various levies on motor vehicles and their collection through a single agency has been under consideration for some time.

2. The matter was discussed at meetings of the Road and Inland Water Transport Advisory Committee and the Transport Development Council. It was generally felt that the taxes on goods and passengers were not strictly taxes on vehicles and, therefore, their consolidation with the motor vehicles tax was not necessary. It was, however, agreed that there should be a single agency for collection of motor vehicle tax and the taxes on goods and passengers.

3. As for the octroi duties, it was agreed that it was necessary to abolish them in the interests of the development of road transport. As a first step in the implementation of this recommendation, the State Governments concerned have been requested to examine the manner in which local

bodies can be compensated for the consequent loss of revenue and the legislative measures required for this purpose, in consultation with those interested in the problem of local finances.

Allocation for Railway Lines

*293. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from Southern States for more allocation for new Railway lines and doubling;

(b) if so, the allocation finally made; and

(c) what are the different lines whose construction will be taken up during 1961-62 and 1962-63?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hassan-Mangalore, Salem-Bangalore and Manamadurai-Virudhunagar railway lines are included in the physical programme of the Railways in the Third Five Year Plan. The construction of the Hassan-Mangalore line will be phased taking into account when the Mangalore Port is likely to be brought into use. The construction of the other two will be taken up after the necessary surveys have been conducted.

Indian Merchant Navy

*294. **Dr. Samantsinh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Seamen's Union of India have requested the Government for manning India's Merchant Navy with the Indian crew;

(b) the total number of crew in the Indian Merchant Navy and the number of our nationals therein; and

(c) by what time the crew of the Indian Merchant Navy would be fully Indianised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9733 and 9256 (including both Officers and ratings) respectively as on 1st November, 1961.

(c) In view of the rapid expansion of the Indian Merchant Navy and the growing demand of experienced Chief Officers and Chief Engineers to man them it is considered that it will be necessary to retain the foreign officers for some time to come. As regards seamen, the crew may be fully Indianised after all the existing foreign nationals have ceased to seek employment through the Seamen's Employment Offices on being wasted out.

अंशदायी स्वास्थ्य सेवा

*२६५. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ११ अगस्त, १९६१ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ४२६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली और नई दिल्ली की तरह कलकत्ता, बम्बई व मद्रास में भी अंशदायी स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना चालू करने के बारे में क्या निश्चय किया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर): यह विषय अभी विचाराधीन है।

Mechanised Farm

*296. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 380 on the 11th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the reaction of the Rajasthan State Government to the proposal for setting up a second mechanised farm has been received;

(b) by when it is proposed to commence the working of the farm;

(c) whether the foreign exchange component of necessary farming machinery has been finally assessed and sanctioned; and

(d) the countries from which it is proposed to purchase the requisite machinery?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). These details will be settled after the reaction of the State Government to the proposal is known.

Transport Facilities to move Iron Ore to Paradip Port

*297. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made for the development of the transport facilities needed to move iron ore from the mining areas to the port of Paradip in Orissa in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the amount provided for; and

(c) the schemes included for implementation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The provision of transport facilities by road or inland water transport is the concern of the State Government. It has been ascertained from the State Government that an amount of Rs. 1,42,00,000 has been provided in Third Five Year Plan to cover the following schemes:—

- (i) Construction of an aerial ropeway from the Daitari Hill top to the foot of the hill;
- (ii) Construction of boats and barges;
- (iii) Extension and remodelling of the Taldanda canal; and
- (iv) Construction of a dock yard at Cuttack, for the transportation of ore from the mines to the port.

New Railway Lines during Third Plan

*298. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: