

Practitioners by the Indian Medicine Board of respective States are not accepted by the Indian Railways specially on the South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, why?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) Under the Rules it is obligatory on the part of the Railway Staff staying within the beat of a Railway doctor to submit certificates of sickness for covering the period of their absence from duty issued by the Railway doctor only.

Tungabhadra Road Bridge

*1702. Shri Venkatasubbalah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders have been received by Government for construction of road bridge across Tungabhadra near Kurnool (Andhra) on National Highway No. 7;

(b) if so, when they were received;

(c) the action Government has taken so far on them; and

(d) when the work is expected to be started?

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

(b) In April 1956.

(c) The various tenders received, were examined in detail and the work was entrusted to the Firm of "M/s Stressed Concrete Construction Co Ltd"

(d) The work started in January 1957.

P. & T. Training Centre for South

*1703. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) where the Posts and Telegraphs training centre for South

India will be located;

(b) when the work on the construction of the building will commence; and

(c) when it is likely to be opened?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The place for location of a P. & T. Training Centre for South India has not yet been finally decided as because of the heavy capital cost involved, establishment of Regional Training centres has been deferred. As an interim measure non-residential decentralised classes have been opened and at present the systems of training in residential regional centres and non-residential decentralised classes are being compared.

(b) and (c). Do not arise at present

Road Bridge over Ghagra

*1704. Shri Sinhasan Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the progress made so far in the construction of bridge over the river Ghagra at Doharighat on the Gorakhpur-Ghazipur-Banaras National Highway?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The detailed estimates are under scrutiny. In the meantime, certain preliminary investigations have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 28,500/- and they are in progress.

Delhi-Bombay De-luxe Train

*1705. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether loss is being incurred by Government in running the De-luxe Train between Bombay and Delhi on the Western Railway;

(b) if so, the amount thereof so far; and

(c) the reasons for continuing to run these trains in spite of the losses incurred by Government?