

(d) Have the ships been fitted with any special instruments for these observations and if so, from where were these instruments procured?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme was launched in 1948. Under this scheme certain selected ships which are equipped with a full set of ordinary meteorological instruments are required to send their observations by wireless four times a day to coastal meteorological stations. There is also an arrangement with certain other ships which are not so equipped to send their observations on request or whenever necessary.

(c) The Forecasting Offices at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.

(d) The ships are fitted with ordinary meteorological instruments, such as Barometer, Barograph, Psychrometer etc. Some of these were purchased from the U.K. and others were manufactured in the Indian Meteorological Department.

#### MEDICAL EDUCATION

**\*607. Pandit Lingaraj Misra:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what is the general outline of the scheme for the unification of the Courses of Medical Education in India?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** There is no scheme for the unification of the Courses of Medical Education in India.

#### RAILWAY STALL-HOLDERS AT KHARAGPUR

**\*609. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether several hundred shopkeepers within the Railway premises at Kharagpur have stopped payment of rents as a protest against the enhancement of rates of the small stall holders; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government on the representation of the Kharagpur Shopkeepers' Association?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 70 out of 624 small stall-holders within the Railway premises at Kharagpur have stopped payment of rent as a protest against the enhancement of rent.

(b) The decision on the representation of the Kharagpur Shopkeepers' Association is that they should pay

the enhanced rent. The enhancement was effected after due agreement between the Railway Administration and the Merchants' Association at Kharagpur.

#### SCHEDULED CASTE EMPLOYEES IN P. AND T. DEPARTMENT

**\*612. Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new Post and Telegraph offices opened during the year 1952 (State-wise); and

(b) the staff employed during the said period and the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government of India?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 46]

(b) The information has been called for and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

**\*616. Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the work of remodeling of the New Delhi Railway Station will be taken up and when the work is likely to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The work is proposed to be taken up during 1953-54 and is likely to be completed during 1954-55.

#### TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR CATTLE SHOW

**\*617. Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Administration used to grant facilities for transport of cattle on Railways for Cattle Shows;

(b) if so, in what form;

(c) whether it is a fact that no facility in any form is now granted to the cattle-breeders for transport of cattle on Railways for the Cattle Shows and if so, since when;

(d) whether the Railway Administration have received any representation from the All India Cattle Breeders Conference and from other organisations for revival of the facilities; and

(e) if so, what are the decisions, if any, taken so far by the Railway Administration?