

## EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE SCHEME

**\*97. Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schedule has been fixed for the extension of the Employees State Insurance Scheme in 1953, beyond Delhi and Kanpur;

(b) if so, what is the schedule;

(c) the extent to which this schedule has been carried out;

(d) whether its extension to Calcutta has been postponed;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps Government propose to take in order to ensure the completion of the schedule?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) and (b).— A tentative programme was drawn up by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation but the Corporation did not find it possible to adhere to it. A copy of the tentative schedule is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 21.]

(c) The Scheme has so far been introduced in Delhi, in the Kanpur area of Uttar Pradesh, and in seven industrial centres in Punjab.

(d) to (f). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 21.]

INDIAN RAILWAYS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS  
(SOUVENIR)

**\*98. Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether a special souvenir was brought out at the time of the recent Indian Railways Centenary Celebrations?

(b) What was the amount spent on it?

(c) How much of it went towards the remuneration of those put in charge of the task?

(d) Is the souvenir meant for free distribution or is it being sold?

(e) If it be meant for sale, what is its price?

(f) How many copies have so far been sold?

(g) How many are still remaining unsold?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):**

(a) A Centenary Commemoration Volume, entitled "Indian Railways—One Hundred Years" was brought out on the occasion and presumably the reference is to this publication.

(b) The cost of bringing out the work was Rs. 90,000/-.

(c) The remuneration paid to the writer engaged for preparing it was Rs. 10,000/-.

(d) The book is not intended for free distribution, and arrangements have already been made to place it on sale.

(e) The sale price is Rs. 15/- per copy to the public and Rs. 10/- per copy to railway employees.

(f) and (g). It is too early to give information regarding the number of copies sold and unsold.

## OVERBRIDGE AT BEAWAR

**\*99. Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that owing to heavy traffic across the railway crossing between the Mahalakshmi Mills on the one side and the Beawar town on the other, for lack of over-bridge facility, the traffic is held up for hours when the level crossing gates are closed?

(b) Have the citizens of Beawar made a representation to this effect to the authorities concerned?

(c) If so, is there any proposal to construct a bridge there?

(d) By which time is the work contemplated to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):**