

(b) If so, what was the object of her visit?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) To study health administration and the pattern of health services in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics with particular reference to the rural areas and factory workers.

MEDICAL FITNESS OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

***424. Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Southern Railway, alternative jobs are provided to all those who are declared medically unfit for certain type of work while they are fit for other types; and

(b) whether complaints are received about (i) the manner of conducting medical examinations and (ii) offering alternative posts in the Southern Railway recently?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) All possible steps are taken by the Southern Railway Administration to give alternative employment to employees who are medically unfitted for one category but still fit for other categories.

(b) (i) Representations have been received from those medically unfitted in the first instance.

(ii) No complaints have been received.

THEFTS ON RAILWAYS

***425. Shri Balmiki:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thefts and dacoities committed on the Indian Railways from January, 1952 to June 1953;

(b) whether the number of crimes on Railways has fallen; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The

number of thefts and dacoities committed on Railways from January 1952 to June 1953 are 19,226 and 120 respectively.

(b) Yes, there has been a slight fall.

(c) Does not arise.

AMRAOTI RAILWAY STATION

***427. Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the work of reconstruction of the railway station at Amraoti on the Central Railway has been finished?

(b) What was the budget estimate for the said railway station?

(c) What are the actual expenses incurred on this reconstruction?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The work of providing amenities at Amraoti station has been completed.

(b) Rs. 2,50,000/-.

(c) Up to 15th April, 1953, the expenditure was Rs. 2,20,000 and is not likely to exceed the estimated cost.

ROADS IN TRIPURA (REPRS)

***429. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of motor roads in Tripura have become unsuitable for traffic;

(b) whether Agartala—Udaipur and Agartala—Kathlamara roads require repairs; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) They require normal repairs from time to time.

(c) These are being carried out regularly. Further it is proposed to metal these roads and plans and estimates for some of the sections are under scrutiny.