

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates recruited in each of these years; and

(c) whether separate selection for the candidates of these communities was held to implement the percentage reservation in terms of instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 72.]

(c) No.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT MOTIHARI

***1024. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state the reasons for discontinuing automatic Telephone Exchange from Motihari which was already functioning?

(b) Do Government propose to reopen automatic Telephone Exchange at Motihari and if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The auto exchange was replaced by a Manual exchange as its capacity was too small to meet the new demands for telephones.

(b) No.

SHIFTING OF RAILWAY LINE AT RAJKOT

***1025. Dr. J. N. Parekh:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway line passing through Rajkot City (Saurashtra) is likely to be shifted in order to remove the hardship caused to the public; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to commence?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work is expected to be commenced shortly.

DEVA-DASGOAN RAILWAY LINE

***1026. Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state whether Government have completed the survey of a broad gauge railway line from Deva to Dasgoan in the Bombay State?

(b) What is the approximate cost of the survey?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1,97,104 approximately for the Engineering Survey and about Rs. 25,000 for a Traffic Survey.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

***1027. Shri K. P. Tripathi:** (a) Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the arrangements that exist in Dibrugarh (N.E. Railway) for apprenticeship training of workers in the Railway Workshop there?

(b) What are the other centres in the Railway where similar facilities exist?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) In Dibrugarh Workshops apprentices receive practical training in the shops. Their theoretical training is entrusted to three Workshop Foremen.

(b) The only other training centres for apprentices on the North Eastern Railway are Gorakhpur and Izatnagar.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN SAURASHTRA

***1028. Shri Jethalal Joshi:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state how many telephone exchanges are there in Saurashtra under the 'Own Your Telephone' Scheme and how many otherwise?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Under Own your Telephone Scheme 1.

Under non-Own Your Telephone Scheme 27.