

CENTRAL RADIO TRACER LABORATORY

*1244. **Shri Dabhi**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start a Central Radio Tracer Laboratory at the Indian Agricultural Institute, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the purpose of starting such a laboratory; and

(c) when it is likely to start?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The laboratory is being set up for determination of the phosphorus fertility status of our soils, fixation of phosphorus in them and placement of fertiliser studies, etc.

(c) Within the next three months.

LOAN TO THE NATIONAL SPORTS CLUB OF INDIA

*1245. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given or propose to give any loan to the National Sports Club of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have asked the club to disclose its property for mortgaging against the loan?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) It is proposed to give a loan to the National Sports Club of India.

(b) The loan (Rs. 6 lakhs) will be repayable in 20 annual instalments commencing from 1st April, 1956 and will bear interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum.

(c) Yes.

RAILWAY TO SINGARENI COLLIERY SIDING

*1246. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singareni Collieries Company have since paid their con-

tribution towards the cost of construction of the railway extension to the colliery siding;

(b) if so, the amount actually paid to the Railways; and

(c) when the extension is likely to be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir, on 3rd December, 1954.

(b) Rs. 3,42,675 have been deposited with the Railway.

(c) The Company have agreed to carry out the earthwork, construction of culverts and bridges through their own Agency. After the Company carry out their portion of work the Railway would take about four months' time to complete the track work.

RIVER BRIDGES

*1247. **Shri Bheekha Bhai**: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dungarpur and Banswara Districts were cut off for a couple of months during the last Monsoon season due to floods in River Mahi; and

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent any scheme for the construction of a bridge across the river?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Government have no information of conditions in the areas referred to during the last Monsoon season. The roads concerned are the State Government's responsibility.

(b) No formal proposals have as yet been received in this connection from the Rajasthan Government.

LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS

*1248. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 317 on the

24th November, 1954 on the late running of trains and lay on the Table of the House a statement showing:

(a) the number of occasions of late running of trains on the North Eastern Railway before and after the punctuality drive was introduced; and

(b) the manner in which the punctuality drive has now been intensified?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 43.]

REPRESENTATION FROM BOMBAY SEAMEN

*1249. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation for the appointment of a tripartite Medical Board has been received from the Bombay seamen;

(b) if so, the main points in the representation; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c) A representation was handed over to the Minister during his visit to Bombay on the 20th November, 1954, by the President of the National Union of Seamen of India, Bombay. This representation contained *inter alia* a suggestion that a Medical Board representing Government, Shipowners and Seamen should be established. A statement indicating the main points contained in the representation is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 44]. The whole matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

FLOATING POST OFFICE

749. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state.

(a) the area served by the floating post office in Srinagar;

(b) whether it is functioning successfully;

(c) whether Government propose to start such post offices elsewhere; and

(d) if so, at what places?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Three floating post offices were opened during the touring season *viz.*, 15th April, 1954 to 31st October, 1954.

They covered the following areas:

(1) Jhelum-Sheikhbagh, Ram Munshi Bagh, Sonwar Bagh, Rajbagh, Armwary.

(2) Dal Lake-Gagribal point, Dal Gate and the surrounding Nallahs, Chinarbagh and Club Nallah.

(3) Naginbagh-Nasimbagh, Naginbagh and the surrounding Nallahs.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). This will be examined.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSION

750. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay on the Table of the House the recommendations made by the Central Railway Service Commission, Bombay in connection with the equation of non-gazetted posts and grades of the erstwhile Indian States Railways with the prescribed scales of pay on Indian Government Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The recommendations in question being of a departmental nature, it is regretted that it will not be possible to do so.

SPECIAL TRAINS

751. **Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special trains run during Dussehra Festival in October, 1954 to Mysore from other Stations;