

answer. Such questions as this need not be put on the floor of the House, where it is a widespread thing. The general question is what steps are being taken to stop the menace prevailing in a particular section where students when they go home every Saturday and come back on Monday, seem to beat and attack the Station Master. That question has been asked. There are 30,000 miles of railway lines in India. If the hon. Member goes on asking whether there is ticketless travel in a particular station in Tranvancore, can it be answered by the hon. Minister. So, I think this is the only answer. I am not merely a dummy. I ought to see that we do not waste the time of the House by any question which is of a general nature. I expect hon. Members will think of it themselves, and not protest when I suggest it to them.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** In the last Budget Session, the Railway Minister announced some concessions for students. May I know whether that has got some effect, and whether further concessions are being thought of?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** The concessions already given should first be availed of before we think of giving them any further concessions.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** I wanted to know whether that concession has been availed of or has produced some effect or not?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I do not think so, because the students have not availed of that concession.

#### SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS OF DISPLACED PERSONS

\*1571. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the verified lists relating to the transfer of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts and Postal Certificates from India to Pakistan and vice versa have since been exchanged; and

(b) if so, when the parties will be allowed to operate on their accounts?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) The work is in progress.

(b) The parties will be allowed to operate on their accounts as and when the verified lists pertaining thereto are received by the Post Offices concerned.

**Shri Gidwani:** What was the total number of accounts in each category to be got verified from the Government of Pakistan, and how many of them have since been verified?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** The work was proceeding and when the valuation took place in Pakistan, the Pakistan Government stopped the work of verification. We again took up that question, and in October this year we have sent liaison officers to Karachi and Lahore, and they have also send their officers. The position prior to the appointment of these officers was as follows:

#### Total number of claims registered in India

	Number of cases	Amount involved
		Rs.
Savings Banks	87,740	4,40,35,576
Certificates	57,535	2,81,69,656

#### Number of unsettled claims

	Number of cases	Amount involved
		Rs.
Savings Banks	25,116	1,51,10,113
Certificates	31,566	1,49,62,982

In addition, there are nearly 13,068 claims in which complete particulars of the accounts and certificates are not known to the claimants. The amount involved in these claims is nearly Rs. 60 lakhs.

**Shri Gidwani** rose—

**Shri B. K. Das:** Do I take it that these accounts include also the accounts in East Pakistan?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I am not very definite, but I think it does not include the accounts in East Pakistan.

**Shri Gidwani:** May I know what is proposed to be done with regard to the following types of accounts: conjoint accounts, public accounts, security deposits of contractors, postal certificates placed as security by contractors?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** In the agreement of July-August, 1953, the only accounts covered were the savings bank accounts and the certificates, and these officers are verifying these two accounts. As regards the conjoint accounts, public accounts, security deposit accounts of contractors and postal certificates placed as security by contractors, they belong to a different category and it was agreed in the July-August meeting that these accounts may be taken up separately by the Finance Ministries of the two countries.

**Shri Gidwani:** May I know whether the matter will be taken up at the proposed officers conference which is going to be held shortly?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I am afraid these accounts will not be taken up by the officers who have been posted at Karachi and Lahore.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the accounts lying in East Pakistan will be taken up separately?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Necessary steps will be taken in regard to those accounts also.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** In view of the fact that the Rehabilitation Minister, as I learn from the newspapers, has expressed his intention to go to Karachi to meet his counterpart, will the Communications Ministry direct him or give him this guidance that these accounts also should be gone into when he is having those discussions there?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Of course.

#### TREATMENT OF RHEUMATISM

**\*1572. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been received by Government on the results of research undertaken by the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras for treatment of rheumatism;

(b) if so, whether a copy thereof will be placed on the Table of the House; and

(c) if not, when Government expect to receive the report?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) to (c). A copy of the report has been received on request from the Government of Madras and is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 38].

**Dr. Rama Rao:** The statement shows that a process of extracting Rasna (Alpina) has been evolved. May I know if this active principle, apart from the drug, has been tried out, and if it has been tried out, how does it compare especially with drugs like Saliaglates and the recent very costly drug Cortisone?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I am afraid I could not give a reply to that at the moment, because I do not think it has been tried out yet.

#### FEEDER AIR-SERVICES

**\*1573. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce feeder services to air-link important Indian towns, lacking air travel facilities;

(b) what will be the estimated expenditure for introducing this scheme;

(c) how many aircrafts for feeder services have been ordered so far; and

(d) when they are expected to arrive?