

The number of post offices has been more than doubled and the number of supervisory staff has not kept pace with that increase.

#### NEW RAILWAY LINES

\*647. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sent in their proposals for the opening of new railway lines during the remaining period of the First Five Year Plan as also for inclusion in the Second Plan; and

(b) if so, whether a copy thereof will be laid on the Table of the House?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir, it is not usual to lay such correspondence on the Table of the House.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Have the Government received any report about the unanimous decision of the Bihar Legislative Assembly for opening a new line from Thawe via Katea to Bhatni?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We have not received any such thing from the Bihar Government.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know if the Government has received any report about the proposed nationalisation of the B. B. Light Railway in Bihar?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** That is a different question, and if the hon. Member would give notice separately we will answer that.

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** I may add, Sir, that we have received no such recommendation from the Bihar Government.

**Shri Syamnandan Sahaya:** Have the Government of Bihar submitted a

proposal for connecting by rail route the Sahibganj and Baruraj Police Stations with the Motihari line?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** No, Sir, we have not.

**ठाकुर बुगल किशोर सिंह :** क्या यह बात सत्य है कि मुजफ्फरपुर से सीतामढ़ी हो कर लाइन ले जाने के लिये बिहार सरकार से कोई प्रार्थना आई है ?

**रंजित तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अलनंदान):** आई है ।

**पंडित डी० एन० सिन्हा :** क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि बहुत दिन से सिधौलिया से मोतीहारी तक लाइन डालने के लिये सर्वे वर्गेरह हो गया है और बिहार गवर्नमेंट ने भी इस पर जोर दिया है ? इस लाइन को डालने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

**श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री :** वास्तव में बहुत सी लाइनों की सिफारिशें आई हैं और गुमकिन हैं कि अभी और भी आयें, लेकिन हम उन पर दूसरे पंचवर्षीय प्लान के सिलसिले में विचार करेंगे, हम अभी तो सब का नाम एक सूची में दर्ज कर लेते हैं ।

#### MEDICAL COLLEGE AT PATIALA

\*648. **Shri Chinaria:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government promised a grant of rupees forty lacs to the P.E.P.S.U. Government for the building of a Medical College at Patiala;

(b) whether Government are aware that the construction of that building is now complete;

(c) whether Government have given or intend to give the promised grant; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No such promise was given.