

extension will depend on the experience gained.

PURCHASE OF DAKOTAS

***96. Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new "Dakotas" have been purchased since 1953; and

(b) if so, how many of them have been placed on the Calcutta-Assam routes?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR AGATTI ISLAND

***97. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 461 on the 29th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the Madras Government have since opened a dispensary at Agatti Island;

(b) if so, when;

(c) how many people will be benefited by this dispensary; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The Government of Madras, who are concerned with the matter, except to issue orders for the opening of a dispensary during 1955-56.

IRREGULARITIES IN ACCOUNTS

***98. Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken on the Public Accounts Committee's Tenth Report presented to

this House in the year 1954 regarding certain irregularities in the accounts relating to the Posts and Telegraphs Department:

(b) what steps are being considered to stop such irregularities in future; and

(c) whether any special officer or Committee has been appointed to examine and execute the proposals in the Report?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement showing the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee submitted to the Lok Sabha Secretariat on the 7th January 1955 for being placed before the Public Accounts Committee is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 24].

ASSAM RAIL LINK

***99. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger and goods trains run on the direct Assam Rail Link at present; and

(b) whether the goods trains now running on that line are sufficient for Government and commercial purposes?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 25].

ADMISSION IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

***100. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what steps, if any, Government have taken to accommodate larger number of students for the study of medicine in recognised Medical Colleges in order to remove the want of registered medical practitioners in rural areas?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): It is proposed to open