

Shri Alagesan: If the hon. Member puts a specific question, I am prepared to answer.

HILL ALLOWANCE

*1530. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway employees stationed at places other than Simla and Kangra have approached Government for increased Hill Allowances;

(b) if so, whether their request has been accepted; and

(c) the amount of the increased allowance payable thereby?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, certain representations have been received.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration.

श्री भक्त वरान : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो हिल एलाउंस का प्रश्न है, क्या किन्हीं निश्चित सिद्धान्तों के आधार पर इसका निर्णय किया जाता है या जिस-जिस इलाके की मांग आती है, उसी प्रकार उन्हें स्वीकार करते जाते हैं ?

Shri Alagesan: We have taken into consideration the allowances that are paid to the Central Government employees on the civil side and also the classification of these stations by the State Governments.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether Government is considering the question of hill allowance to employees stationed at Simla and Kangra areas only or at all the hill stations in the country?

Shri Alagesan: Allowances are paid at many hill stations, but in Simla and Kangra the allowances have been considerably raised recently.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: I want to know whether Government is considering the grant of hill allowances to employees in other hill stations also?

Shri Alagesan: That is why I say we pay allowances in other hill stations also.

रंलवे असिस्टेंट सर्जन

*१५२९. श्री रनवमन सिंह : क्या रंलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रंलवे विभाग में सेवायुक्त असिस्टेंट सर्जन नान गजर्टेड माने जाते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

रंलवे तथा परिचयन उपमंत्री (श्री अलगोदान):
(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) क्योंकि रंलवे में इनके बराबर की दूसरी जगह भी गजर्टेड नहीं हैं ।

श्री रनवमन सिंह : अन्य विभागों में जब यह पोस्ट गजर्टेड मानी जाती है, तो इनको रंलवे विभाग में भी गजर्टेड मान लेने में क्या अड़चन है ?

Shri Alagesan: On the civil side the recruitment by Part 'C' States is done by the Union Public Service Commission for Grade I, Assistant Surgeons, whereas here the recruitment is done by the Railway Service Commission. Also, they are promoted as Civil Surgeons, whereas the Assistant Surgeon Grade I on the railways are promoted as Assistant Medical Officers—a Gazetted Service. Also, as I said, other comparable staff on the railways are not considered to be gazetted, but they are in the non-gazetted rank.

Dr. Rama Rao: Is it a fact, Sir, that the only difference is that the doctors may get some facilities on the railways and if so, why should the railways not consider it favourably?

Shri Alagesan: The only objection is that other comparable staff are considered non-gazetted, whereas if we make this particular category gazetted, then it will lead to complications.