

Shri Abid Ali : Mostly.

Shri Nanadas : May I know the categories of jobs for which exemption is given at present, and the reasons for giving such kind of exemption ?

Shri Abid Ali : I have already stated that no exemptions are given.

Workshop at Jagadhari

*391. **Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 76 on the 23rd February, 1955 and state :

(a) whether it has been finally decided to establish a locomotive workshop at Jagadhari ;

(b) if so, when the construction work will start ; and

(c) the estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure to be incurred on this workshop ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) No.

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

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether, with the loss of the railway workshop at Lahore, Government will consider the proposal to establish one Railway workshop in the Punjab region ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The idea of establishing a first-rate railway workshop in Punjab has been accepted in principle. Negotiations are going on with the Government of East Punjab regarding acquiring the Punjab Government's Central Workshop at Amritsar. As soon as the negotiations are completed, we will go ahead.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether Government want to shift this Central Workshop from Amritsar to somewhere else or want to run the workshop there ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The negotiations are still going on. Before we can think of shifting it from Amritsar, the negotiations must be completed.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : The workshop is not to be transferred from Amritsar ; it will remain there. The Punjab Government has agreed to transfer the workshop to the railways ; the details are being looked into.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : The question is not of transfer of the workshop. It is only transfer of the organisation from the Punjab Government to the Government of India. But the thing remains where it is,

Railway Lines in Orissa

*392. **Shri B. C. Das :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board has received any suggestions from the Government of Orissa for the construction of a railway line connecting Berhampur, Gopalpur and Durgaprasad ; and

(b) if so, when the survey is to be undertaken ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) The Orissa State Government have not included this proposal when recommending lines to be taken up in the 2nd Plan Period.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether sometime in 1944 or 1945, there was a survey conducted by the railway authorities for a major part of this line from Berhampur to Russelkonda (Bhanjanagar) ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : No survey as such was carried out. But this prospect was looked into and it was also examined by the Central Board of Transport in March 1949, and it has been decided to drop this idea.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether Government are aware that this line connects the tribal area of Phulbani district with the modern world ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : That may be so, but there are many other important lines which have been given first priority. We have to take them up first ; this line will have to be considered at the appropriate time some time later.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether Government have received recommendations from the conference of the M. Ps. and MLAs. of Ganjam district to include this line in the Second Five Year Plan ?

Shri L. B. Shastri : I have not seen the resolution of that conference but the State Government have certainly sent their recommendation.

Milk Colonies

*393. **Shri Veeraswamy :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start Milk Colonies in the country ;