

श्रीमती शिवराजवती नेहरू : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश में टेकनिकल स्कूलों की क्या संख्या है ?

प्रद्यक्ष महोदय : यह प्रश्न आसाम के सम्बन्ध में है ।

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the capacity of this institute which is going to be started in the Pandu region ?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: This institute will employ approximately 3400 skilled artisans.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: A year ?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: During the course. Every year they will be taking in 560 trade apprentices.

Deoria-Khadda Giswa Line

*1832. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any step has been taken for survey regarding construction of a Railway line from Deoria to Khadda Giswa side via Kasie and Padrauna ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Reconnaissance Engineering Survey and Traffic appreciation for a project from Rudrapur to Nautanwa via Deoria and Kushinagar has been approved in the current year's survey programme and will be undertaken as early as practicable. The proposal for connecting Padrauna and Khadda Giswa has been noted for consideration.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know when the actual survey will start ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): I think it might start some time in October or November.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार की कोई ऐसी योजना है कि गोपालगंज से लेकर देवरिया तक रेलवे लाइन बनाई जाये ?

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : अभी तक तो कोई ऐसी योजना नहीं है ।

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know the time that will be taken for completion of this survey ?

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question.

Express Goods Train Service

*1833. { **Shri Achuthan:**
Shri K. C. Sodhi

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Railways have any scheme or are contemplating any schemes to run express goods trains between North Indian cities and South and West coast towns to transport fruit like bananas, jack-fruits, pine-apple, tender coconuts etc. from South and West coast and apple and other fruit from North ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The volume of traffic of fruits, pine-apples, tender coconuts etc., offering at stations does not justify the running of Express Goods Train, specifically for these commodities from the South and West Coast to North and vice versa, and there are no proposals at present for the running of such trains.

Shri Achuthan: In view of the fact that these fruits are very nutritious and delicious, will the Ministry take up the question of attaching a few wagons to the Express passenger trains starting from the West Coast and South India to the North so that these fruits can be brought here ? It will have two advantages: firstly, it will encourage the agriculturists there and secondly, it will give this delicious natural food and natural cold drinks to the people in the North also.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: A lot of these fruits is being transported by Express parcel trains and also by other passenger trains. Wagons, as suggested by the hon. Member, are also attached when it is considered necessary; otherwise, they are booked as smalls in the brake-vans.

Shri Kamath: The hon. Minister, some time ago, in this House, voiced his fears that the Railways might not be able to cope with the demands that will be made upon them during the Second Five Year Plan which has already commenced. Have his apprehensions become more serious in this connection and will the passenger carrying capacity—the human traffic carrying capacity—be seriously affected because of the increasing volume of goods traffic during the Second Five Year Plan ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The position has not changed since I made that observation. The production is going up and, perhaps, the passenger traffic is also going up. So, a balance will have to be struck between the goods traffic and the passenger traffic. I cannot give