

Katihar-Barsoi Line

*709. **Shri M. Islamuddin**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1139 on 16th August, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the survey report for doubling the Railway line between Katihar and Barsoi prepared by the North-Eastern Railway Administration, has since been received and examined by the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The survey report is still awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

Southern Railway Service Commission

*712. **Shri Veeraswamy**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation rules are being observed by the Southern Railway Service Commission in the matter of recruitment of Scheduled Tribes candidates;

(b) if so, in case of non-availability of Scheduled Tribes candidates how the posts reserved for them are being filled up; and

(c) whether it is a fact that several posts reserved for Scheduled Tribe candidates are vacant in several categories?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes

(b) and (c). By scheduled Caste candidates and if they are also not available then by candidates belonging to the other communities. The number of reserved vacancies which are not filled up in a year is carried forward and added to the next years quota and made available for recruitment of Scheduled Tribes but such vacancies which still remain unfilled, are treated as unreserved after two years.

Electrification of Indian Railways

*715. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad**;
Shri Ram Krishan;
Shri M. Islamuddin;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1826 on the 6th September, 1956 and state;

(a) whether the team of five French Engineers have submitted its recommendations regarding the electrification of new railway lines in India; and

(b) if so, whether the same have been considered by Government?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. The matter is under consideration both from technical and financial angles.

Health Education in Schools

*718. **Shri D. C. Sharma**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent meeting of the South-East Asia Regional Committee of the World Health Organisation at Delhi, the question of Health Education in Schools was discussed; and

(b) if so what were the decisions taken so far as India is concerned?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India have decided to seek the assistance of W.H.O. in the following ways:—

(1) To provide one Health Educator,

(2) To be responsible for supplies and equipment,

(3) To provide one International Fellowship for training in Health Education.

Tungabhadra High Level Channel

*719. **Shri K. S. Rao**: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount likely to be advanced by the Central Government for Tungabhadra High Level Channel;

(b) the period by which this is likely to be completed; and

(c) the total area likely to be irrigated by this in Andhra Pradesh and Mysore State separately?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The total provision made in the Second Five Year Plan for the Tungabhadra High Level Canal is Rs. 6.2 crores (5.2 crores for Andhra and one crore for Mysore). It has not yet been decided what part of this amount would be advanced by the Central Government.

(b) and (c). The period of completion and the area likely to be irrigated have not yet been decided as the Project Report is at present under revision.