

different parts of our country at present;

(b) if so, their total number;

(c) whether there are proposals to start new zonal medical colleges;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is considering to start a zonal medical college at Silchar, Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Proposals were received from the Governments of Assam, Orissa and Nagaland through the Eastern Zonal Council for the establishment of zonal medical colleges in their respective State. The proposals were not accepted on the grounds that:—

1. The West Bengal State has a surplus of doctors and the neighbouring areas like Assam and Orissa can attract these surplus doctors by giving suitable incentives.
2. The needs of Union Territories like Manipur, Tripura and N.E.F.A. and also of Nagaland are fully met by the existing system of reservation of seats in various medical colleges in the country for candidates from these areas.
3. It was also felt that the medical colleges which were recently started in Orissa and Assam should be fully and properly equipped before setting out to implement another project.

Recently the Chief Minister of Orissa has repeated the request of his Government and the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have also sought to raise the question of establishment of zonal medical colleges in their respective States through the Central Zonal Council. The proposals are under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Post Offices in Villages

160. { Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Rawandale:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri J. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the total number of fresh applications received to open new post offices in villages (State-wise) by October, 1962 this year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): A statement is laid on the table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 18].

Sale of Railway Time Table on Book Stalls on Northern Railway

161. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of copies of Railway Time Table through the book stalls on Northern Railway has been stopped and the work has been entrusted to the staff working at enquiries and reservation offices of the Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the copies of the Railway Time Table enforceable from 1st October, 1962 were not available at the counter on the 1st October, 1962; and

(d) when it was published and why it was not made available for sale?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Sale of Time Tables through book stalls has not been stopped. 50% copies of Northern Railway Time Tables are sold through Reservation/Enquiry/Booking offices and the remaining 50%