

Committee to assess the volume of traffic and shipping tonnage to be acquired during the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the suggestions and recommendations of the Committee?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee have not been received by Government so far.

Double Platforms on Stations on N. Railway

76. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of providing double platforms at various Railway stations on the Northern Railway are pending; and

(b) if so, the names of the stations which will be provided double platforms during 1964-65?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No Sir; no such proposals are pending.

(b) Does not arise.

Quarters for Posts and Telegraphs Employees, Punjab

77. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects for construction of quarters for Posts and Telegraphs employees functioning in Punjab at present; and

(b) the time by which the proposed projects will be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). 20 units of staff quarters are nearing completion.

20 units of staff quarters will be taken up shortly for construction.

Class I Posts in Posts and Telegraphs Department

78. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Class I Officers filled up in the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the last ten years, circle-wise; and

(b) the number of such Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, circle-wise?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). It is presumed the question relates to direct recruitment to Class I Services. Recruitment to such Services/Grades/Posts in the Posts and Telegraphs Department is made on an all India basis and not on circle basis. 251 candidates were recruited in various Class I Services/Grades/Posts in the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the last ten years ending December, 1963, against the quota meant for direct recruitment out of which 8 belonged to Scheduled Castes and 2 to Scheduled Tribes.

Fertilizers

79. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the price of fertilizers produced in India, factory-wise, during 1963; and

(b) the price of fertilizers imported during 1963?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information in so far as fertilizers marketed through the Central Fertilizer Pool of the Ministry of Food and Agricul-

ture are concerned, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-225/64].

Air India Building

80. **Shri Bade:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is going to construct a building with a view to bringing all the administrative offices at Bombay under a single roof;

(b) if so, the name of the architect and whether he is an Indian or a foreigner; and

(c) if he is a foreigner the total foreign exchange released for this purpose and the cost of the construction of the building?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). The Air-India Corporation proposed to construct an administrative building to house their administrative offices excluding their stores Clearing Section at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.50 crores. An American architect, involving payment of a fee of \$60,000, was appointed by the Corporation with the approval of the Central Government. The Corporation had entered into an arrangement by which the architects fee will be paid by sale of transportation.

The Corporation have since revised their plans and propose to go in for a larger building. The whole matter is now under consideration of Government.

टी० ए० परीक्षा

द१. { श्री राम सेवक यादव :
श्री बागड़ी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५० में लेकर पदोन्नतियां टी० ए० (एल) और

टी० ए० (एच) की परीक्षा के आघार पर ही की जाती थी ;

(ख) क्या अब पदोन्नतियां वरिष्ठता के आघार पर ही की जाती हैं और उस परीक्षा के आघार पर नहीं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : (क) जी हां । ये परीक्षायें अब खत्म कर दी गयी हैं ।

(ख) और (ग). जैसा कि ऊपर भाग (क) में बताया गया है, टी० ए० (एल) और टी० ए० (एच) परीक्षायें खत्म कर दी गयी हैं । इसलिए , जिन प्रेडों के लिए ये परीक्षायें अनिवार्य थीं, उनमें अब पदोन्नति वरिष्ठता और उपयुक्तता के आघार पर की जाती है ।

Navigation in Dhuleswari River

82. **Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 497 on the 10th December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the scheme submitted by the Assam Government to make river Dhuleswari in Mizo hills navigable has since been considered;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if considered, when it will be given effect to?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The matter is still under examination in consultation with the Government of Assam.

Railway Over-Bridge at Tirur

84. **Shri Koya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether