

## RAILWAY BOOK STALLS

644. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many varieties of books there are under the announced ban on the sale of books from Railway Book-stalls?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** In terms of the agreement between the book-stall contractors and the railways, the latter reserve the right of prohibiting the sale of any books which are considered indecent or otherwise objectionable. Accordingly, the railways have prohibited the sale of books which fall under these categories.

## NEW RAILWAY STATION FOR JABALPUR

645. **Shri Pateria:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of constructing a new Railway station at Jabalpur;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the amount of money sanctioned for the same; and

(c) when the work of construction is likely to commence and what time will it take to complete the same?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) There is a scheme for the provision of improved passenger amenities at Jabalpur. It includes additions and alterations to the existing station building, necessary alterations to track, improvement to platforms, provision of water-borne sanitation, electrification, etc.

(b) The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 18.20 lakhs. This includes Rs. 4.90 lakhs for additions and alterations to the existing station building.

(c) The work is being done in phases. Additions and alterations to the station building are expected to be taken in hand in 1953-54 and completed in 1954-55.

## ANANTAPUR RAILWAY STATION

646. **Shri Lakshmayya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken to improve the Railway Station of Anantapur in Rayalaseema, on the line Guntakal to Bangalore;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the progress of work and what is the amount spent on it till now;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open a flag staff station, near Anantapur to facilitate the students of the Engineering College; and

(d) whether Government have contemplated to construct over bridge in the town of Anantapur, to afford free passage to the public, at the level crossing?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) The progress on the work upto the end of June 1952 is 10 per cent. The expenditure incurred upto the end of March 1952 was Rs. 39,000.

(c) A proposal to open a flag station near the Engineering College at Anantapur was considered but was dropped due the inadequate justification.

(d) The reply is in the negative. The proposal will be duly considered, if recommended by the State Government, in the order of priority to be given by them.

## NEW RAILWAY LINES FOR RAYALASEEMA

647. **Shri Lakshmayya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rayalaseema Development Board has recommended for laying out new Railway lines in the backward area of Rayalaseema;

(b) if so, whether Government have contemplated constructing any new lines in any of the Districts of Rayalaseema;

(c) whether Government propose to extend the existing Bellary-Royadug line to Dharmavaram; and

(d) whether the local bodies and the Public of the Anantapur District have sent resolutions and mahazars to Government to construct a new line from Guntakal to Tumkur?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) No such recommendation has so far been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) Yes; one representation was received.

## ACCUMULATION OF GOODS IN HUBLI

648. **Shri Datar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very large quantity of non-priority traffic registered for movement has accumulated in Hubli District on the Southern Railways;