

Mr. Speaker: I think it also goes beyond the scope of the question.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know how many Schedule Caste students are there at present in this college?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I have not got the figures with me, Sir.

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether the Governing Body takes stock of the different standards of the Universities from which the applicants come when the selection is made.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Yes, Sir, that is done.

Shri Nambiar: Sir, Q. No. 1577 is an important question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. 1577 is transferred to another date.

The question list is practically over.

Shri Damodara Memon: May I make a suggestion. A large number of Members who have tabled questions are absent. Will you consider the desirability of allowing a little more time for supplementaries?

Mr. Speaker: I think it is not possible for me to accept that suggestion for the simple reason that when the House is once tuned to quickness, relevancy, shortness and pointedness of questions, all that will be gone, if I allow more supplementaries on each question. So, it is not a question of mere adjustment of time. There are many occasions on which a number of questions go unanswered, and it is in the interests of the House as a whole to cover a larger number of questions rather than to have a larger number of supplementaries asked on each particular question. Hon. Members should try to cover as much ground as possible, and if they are not satisfied or if they want any further information, the best course is to table further questions on the basis of the information supplied.

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : अध्यक्ष महोदय मेरा प्रश्न १५७८ रह गया है ।

Mr. Speaker: He can put Question No. 1578.

लखनऊ जफराबाद रेलवे लाइन

*१५७८. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लखनऊ तथा जफराबाद के बीच रेलवे लाइन बनाने का सरकार का विचार है; और यदि है तो कब तक; तथा

(ख) उसकी लम्बाई कितनी होगी और उसका अनुमानित व्यय कितना है ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A railway line already exists between Lucknow, Faizabad and Zafarabad. The hon. Member is presumably referring to the Utraithia-Sultanpur-Zafarabad Section dismantled during the War. Preliminary arrangements for the restoration of this Section are already in hand.

(b) The total length of the Utraithia-Sultanpur-Zafarabad Section is 136.46 miles and its anticipated cost of restoration is Rs. 1.68 crores.

Shri Punnoose: May I request your permission to put Question No. 1551?

Mr. Speaker: It is no use encouraging this practice. The hon. Member who put down that question should have authorised somebody. There is no such authority.

Shri T. N. Singh: In regard to Question No. 1578, may I ask one supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): The hon. Member missed the train. He should have asked it earlier.

Mr. Speaker: He can ask it now.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know whether this work of restoration has been taken in hand already, and if so, how much progress has been made so far?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The work has already been taken in hand. As I said earlier in the course of the main reply, the preliminary survey has been completed and a very substantial sum of money has been set apart for completing this work during this year.

An Hon. Member: Would you kindly allow Question No. 1567?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

*1550. **Shri P. T. Chacko:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to implement the recommendations of the Agricultural Finance Sub-committee;