

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The policy of the Government is that the names of stations on station name-boards should be indicated in

- (i) Hindi in Devanagri script;
- (ii) English; and
- (iii) the regional language.

In special circumstances, an additional language may also be used in consultation with the Railway Users' Consultative Committee.

(b) The practice of using Oriya script on the station name-boards of stations in Singhbhum District was abandoned in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Advisory Committee of the former Bengal Nagpur Railway.

CONTAMINATED WATER IN AGARTALA

***436. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any examination of water of suspected tube-wells in Agartala Town has been undertaken and if so, what are the results;

(b) what are the reasons for intestinal trouble to the large number of citizens in Agartala; and

(c) whether any precautionary measures have been taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes. Its chemical quality is satisfactory except for high iron contents. The high presumptive Coli Count in the water does not by itself make it bacteriologically unsatisfactory. Further bacteriological examination, however, will be made.

(b) There can be many causes for such trouble apart from an infected water supply e.g. infected food, malnutrition and under-nutrition.

(c) Precautionary measures as far as food and nutrition are concerned are obvious. And as regards infection from water, if that is the basic cause,

this can only be removed by a filtered water-supply.

RAILWAY TRAINING SCHOOL, UDAIPUR

***437. Shri Bheekha Bhai:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any site has been selected for the building of the Railway Training School at Udaipur?

(b) When will the construction work be started?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shaḥnawaz Khan): (a) The proposal for a Railway Training School at Udaipur is still under examination.

(b) Efforts will be made to take this work in hand next year, if the proposal is finally accepted.

STEAMER FREIGHT RATES

***438. Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representations were made to him about the exorbitant freights and fares charged by the steamer companies, plying to and from Assam and Calcutta;

(b) whether any steps have been taken in the matter; and

(c) if so, what?

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

(b) and (c). The matter is under examination in consultation with the State Governments.

ROWRAIAH AERODROME

***439. Shri Sarmah:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether there have been scheduled air services to the Rowraiah aerodrome at Jorhat (Assam) regularly in the last few years and these are still continuing?

(b) Is it a fact that this aerodrome has been made over to the Indian Air Force?