

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken in the matter?

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

(b) The proposal will be examined if and when recommended by the State Government.

NEW RAILWAY STATION BETWEEN BUSTI AND MINDERN

964. Shri R. S. Lal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new Station between Busti and Mindern Stations in the Busti District on the North Eastern Railway to remove the great inconvenience experienced by the public; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A proposal for opening a new station near Orwara between Basti and Munderwa stations was recently examined by the North Eastern Railway and dropped as it lacked financial justification. The proposal is, however, under further consideration on public amenity grounds. As there is no station as 'Mindern' on the N.E. Rly., it is presumed the reference is to 'Munderwa'.

हापुड़ का टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज

१९५५. श्री विगम्बर सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हापुड़ के टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के अधीक्षक के बर्ताव के निरुद्ध अधिकारियों को बहुत से तार और निबेल्ड भेजे गये हैं; जैसा कि ५ अगस्त, १९५४ के "वीर सर्जन्" में छपा है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने इस अधिकारी के निरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाही की है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) Inquiry has been completed on some parts of the complaint while others are still under investigation. So far no irregularity has been established and as such the question of taking action against the Engineering Supervisor has not arisen.

SHIPPING COMPANIES

966. Sardar Akarpuri: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign shipping companies, if any, which are engaged in carrying Government cargoes to India; and

(b) the reason why these ships are engaged when Indian ships are available?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Information is available only in respect of the shipping companies engaged in the shipment of Government stores purchased on an F.O.B. basis through the India Store Department, London, and the India Supply Mission, Washington. A statement showing the required information as far as it is available for the period from 1st January to 30th July, 1954, is attached. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 13]. Shipping arrangements for Government cargoes purchased on a C.I.F. and F.O.R. basis are generally made by the suppliers themselves, and no information is available regarding the foreign shipping companies engaged in carrying such cargoes.

(b) Indian ships are always utilised to the maximum extent possible as and when they are available.

AERODROME AT RUNGAILUNDA

967. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct an aerodrome at Rungailunda