

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes, there is a shortage of Scheduled Caste candidates in the Post and Telegraph Mail Motor Services, Calcutta.

(b) The matter is under investigation. In the meanwhile, prompt action is being taken to ensure that the shortage is made good.

#### MAIL VANS

**248. Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the amount spent on body-building of mail vans during the years 1947—50 in the West Bengal Circle and the corresponding amount in the year 1954-55?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** Two statements are attached [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 12.] Statement I gives the cost of bodies of mail vans built during 1947—50 and statement II gives the cost of body built during 1954-55.

#### BIKANER RAILWAY STATION

**249. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for the remodelling of the Bikaner Railway Station with a view to meeting the growing demands of the travelling public in particular those of especially the retiring, cloak and refreshment rooms etc.?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Yes Sir; proposals for extension of the Bikaner Railway Station with a view to provide retiring rooms, better cloak rooms, better waiting rooms and refreshment rooms are being examined.

#### INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

**250. Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 515 on the 6th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the arrangements to provide inland water transport in the 703 L.S.D.

Upper Ganga from Patna to Allahabad have since been completed; and

(b) if so, when the transport will begin to operate?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). The designs for the craft have been finalised and tenders for their construction will be invited shortly. The project will be put into operation as soon as the craft become available.

#### CHITTORGARH RAILWAY STATION

**251. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is very little accommodation in upper class waiting rooms at Chittorgarh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct new spacious halls there; and

(c) if so, when the construction will be taken in hand?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a). The accommodation for Upper Class passengers at Chittorgarh is an Upper Class Waiting Room 16' x 14' which is considered adequate for the limited upper class traffic of about six passengers per day. In addition there are 2 retiring rooms also available for passengers at this station.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### SHIFTING OF WORKSHOPS FROM UDAIPUR

**252. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loco and carriage shops at Udaipur are being shifted to some other place;

(b) if so, the place to which they will be shifted; and

(c) how many persons will be transferred thereby?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No, Sir.