

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Palezaghat station at its present site at Banwarchak is working satisfactorily since 13-7-1953 without causing any inconvenience to the passengers.

TRAINING IN INDIGENOUS AND HOMOEOPATHIC SYSTEMS

267. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether any scheme has been drawn up for the training of people in Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of medicines and to regulate their practice in the light of the recommendations made by the Health Ministers' Conference?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): No scheme for the training of people in Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of medicine has been drawn up by the Central Government, as the provision of the training facilities for this purpose is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. As regards the regulation of practice of these systems of medicine, a proposal to prepare legislation for this purpose is at present under the consideration of the Central Council of Health, which at its last meeting set up a Sub-Committee to examine the matter thoroughly. The report of this Sub-Committee is awaited.

VENDING CONTRACTS

268. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government in giving vending contracts to Co-operative Societies of Vendors in future; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government do not propose to disturb the existing contractors by giving vending contracts to Co-operative Societies?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Applications from Co-operative Societies of Vendors will be considered on their merits along with other ap-

plications in the matter of award of vending contracts on Railways.

(b) This will depend on the merits of each case.

LANDING FACILITIES AT AERODROMES

269. Chaudhri Mohammed Shafiq: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the improvements made in landing facilities for aircrafts at the various civilian aerodromes in India during the year 1954;

(b) the nature of the improvements in various equipments proposed to be effected during 1955 at these aerodromes; and

(c) the expenditure incurred or proposed to be incurred in case of (a) and (b) above respectively?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Landing facilities can be broadly classified into two categories viz. Aerodrome ground facilities and Aeronautical Communication facilities. Substantial improvements by way of additional facilities like strengthening and lengthening of runways, provision of runway and approach lighting, installation of beacons, opening of Communication Stations and replacement of obsolete equipment have been effected during 1954.

(b) I lay a statement on the Table of the Lok Sabha giving the requisite information [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 15.]

(c) Rs. 92 lakhs and Rs. 1,49 lakhs respectively.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE AT BEGUN

270. Shri U. M. Trivedi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a telegraph office has been opened at Begun; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). Not yet.