

Delay in Transport of Goods

1089. **Shri L. N. Mishra** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been made to the Railway Authorities that undue delay occurs in the transit of goods and parcel consignments in the districts of Sonopore, Samastipore and Banaras on the North Eastern Railway ; and

(b) if so, the main reasons for such delays ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Some complaints regarding undue delay in transit of consignments on Sonopore, Samastipur and Banaras Districts of the North Eastern Railway have been received by the Railway.

(b) Inadequacy of necessary railway facilities at certain terminal stations and marshalling yards and at re-packing stations (in the case of traffic in 'smalls') to cope with the heavy pressure of traffic is mainly the cause of the slowing down of movements. There is also shortage of locomotives. Consistent with the 'ways and means' position, steps continue to be taken to augment the capacity and improve the operation.

Railway Employees

1090. { **Shri S. L. Saksena** :
 { **Shri Waghmare** :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern Railway has posted Observers at Darsana Railway Station in East Pakistan, in connection with the interchange of Rolling Stock between India and Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, the rate of allowances paid to these Observers for their posting in a foreign territory ?

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

(b) The matter is under consideration. At present the pay and allowances as admissible in India are being paid.

Platforms on the Central Railway

1091. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway stations on the Manmad-Secunderabad Section of the Central Railway where uncovered platforms exist ;

(b) the number out of them which are the District Headquarters ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have covered platforms at these stations ; and

(d) if so, when ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Four important Stations viz. Purnea, Nanded, Mukhed and Nizamabad do not have covered platforms.

(b) Two Stations viz. Nizamabad and Nanded.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) At one station the work is expected to be completed during the current financial year. While, on the other the work is likely to be sanctioned and completed during 1956-57.

Railway Employees

1092. **Chaudhri Mohammed Shafiq** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of interviews granted by his Ministry to the Advisory Committee of the Ticket Checking Staff since the 1st January, 1955

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the names of the places and dates when these interviews were held ; and

(c) if no interview was granted the reasons therefor ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No interview was granted to the Advisory Committee of the Ticket Checking Staff, as sectional associations are not recognised by Government.

Enquiry Office

1093. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open an Enquiry Office at Kharagpur Railway Junction ; and

(b) if so, when it will start functioning ?

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

(b) In about two months.