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Railway Grain Shop

1104. Shri Raghunath Singh : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway grain shops are not serving any useful purpose ; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to close them ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). The Railway grainshops now have limited usefulness as the number of Staff using them is progressively diminishing. Because of this and the recommendations of the Railway Corruption Enquiry Committee and the Public Accounts Committee, they are being gradually closed down.

Delhi-Agra Road

1105. Shri Krishanacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to double the existing road from Delhi to Agra ; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed work ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Widening of this road is already in progress.

(b) The estimated cost of widening is about Rs. 110 lakhs.

Rolling Stock

1106. Shri A. N. Vidyalkar : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coach and wagons under frames ;

(i) put to use,

(ii) imported, and

(iii) manufactured in India

in the years 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 respectively ;

(b) whether it is a fact that possibilities are being explored to meet all the Railways requirements of under frames from India, and industrialists are being invited to set up new plants for the purpose :

(c) whether it is also a fact that the TELECO have since closed this line of manufacture ; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor ?

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

(a) A statement giving the information regarding coaching underframes is attached herewith. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 58.] Wagons are ordered and received complete with underframes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is learnt that the firm propose to close the line of manufacture of underframes.

(d) Perhaps the firm found that other lines of manufacture would be more profitable.

Water Supply Schemes

1107. Shrimati Jayashri : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the amount spent so far out of the funds assigned in the First Five Year Plan for constructing wells and tubewells for augmenting the water-supply position in the country ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amarit Kaur) : The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Railway Accounts Departments

1108. Shri Ramji Verma Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state ;

(a) whether any written test has been introduced in the Railway Account Department for selection to the posts of Assistant Accounts Officer ;

(b) if so, since when ;

(c) the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether the employees concerned were given an advance notice of it ; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) Yes ; the Western and Northern Railways have prescribed a written test for the Railway Account s Department but such a test is not held on other Railway Administrations.

(b) From 1-6-1953 on the Western Railway and from 14-4-1952 on the Northern Railway. No selection has so far been held by the latter railway for promotion as Assistant Accounts Officer.

(c) A written test is one of the accepted methods for assessing suitability coupled with an interview by Selection Board