

Trunk Telephones

294. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial and commercial centres in the State of Bihar that have been connected by trunk telephone with other parts of the Indian Union; and

(b) how many such centres are still un-connected by trunk telephone?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). All important centres are already connected to the trunk telephone network.

Telegraphic Delays

295. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received in the Punjab Circle regarding delay in the delivery of telegrams both ordinary and express during 1954-55;

(b) the number of cases in which inquiries were held; and

(c) the number of cases in which postal employees were found negligent and punished?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 410.

(b) 410.

(c) 236.

Loud Speaker Arrangement in trains

296. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a Scheme in the next Five Year Plan to provide loud speaker arrangements in all bogies on long distance trains (over 300 miles) and in all important Railway Stations; and

(b) what steps, if any, Government propose to take to make the travelling public health-minded?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The proposal to provide loud-speaker arrangements in passenger carriages is still in an experimental stage and its extensive use will depend on the results achieved. At many of the large stations loud speaker equipment is already provided and this will be extended as the need arises.

(b) The Railways have initiated a "Social Education" programme by the use of posters, loud-speaker announcements etc.,

the purpose being to make the travelling public more civic minded. The scope of this programme includes items pertaining to public health, such as cleanliness, use of spittoons etc.

आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधानशालायें तथा चिकित्सालय

२९७. श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास ऐसे राज्यों के नामों के बारे में जानकारी है, जिन्होंने आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधानशालायें और चिकित्सालय खोले हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी प्रमत्त कौर) : इस बारे में राज्य सरकारों से सूचना मांगी जा रही है जो मिलने पर समा की मेज़ पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Nationalisation of AIR Services (Nepal)

**298. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri B. D. Shastri:
Shri Raghunath Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 2442 on the 30th September, 1955 and state at what stage are the negotiations between India and Nepal Government regarding nationalisation of the latter's internal Air Services?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Negotiations for the operation of internal air services in Nepal have reached an advanced stage and the final reply of the Government of Nepal is awaited.

Radiophoto and Telecommunication services

299. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state the names of the countries with which we have established direct Radiophoto and Telecommunication services during the current year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The following Radiophoto, Radiotelephono