

(b) whether any students have been sent abroad for the study of Dermatology; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries to which they have been deputed?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No attempt has so far been made for the exclusive study of Dermatology in India.

(b) Yes, one candidate.

(c) United States of America.

FISHING

1700. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Travancore-Cochin had asked the Government of India or the Planning Commission for Central assistance in the Second Plan for the Commercial exploitation of the fishing bank known as the wedge bank off the coast of Travancore-Cochin; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

PASSENGER AMENITIES

1701. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on passengers and other Railway users amenities in the Pandu region of the North Eastern Railway during 1954-55 and 1955-56; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent during 1956-57 under this head?

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

(a) During 1954-55—Rs. 14,22,358
During 1955-56—Rs. 13,12,400

(b) Rs. 16 lakhs.

TRAINS IN PANDU REGION

1702. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no additional passenger train has been introduced in the Pandu region of the N. E. Railway in spite of pressing demands from the public; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Since the formation of the N. E. Railway zone from 15-4-52 to date, in all 36 additional trains have been introduced and the runs of 24 existing trains extended on the Pandu region of the North Eastern Railway. Consistent with the availability of line capacity, coaching stock and locomotives, it is proposed to introduce more trains on the Pandu Region of the North Eastern Railway.

AIR CRASH AT TEZPUR

1703. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casualties, if any due to the crash-landing of the Scheduled passenger service of the Indian Airlines Corporation on the 21st March, 1956 at Tezpur air-port (Assam); and

(b) the causes which led to the accident?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Two passengers died, and three members of the crew received slight injuries.

(b) The accident is under investigation.

MEDICAL COLLEGES

1704. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Medical Colleges all over the country;