

(b) if so, whether this offer has been accepted by Government?

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

(b) Yes.

NEW DELHI STATION

278. Shri G. L. Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as New Delhi Railway Station has a small godown, the parcels are lying outside the godown; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking thereon?

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

(b) Additional accommodation for storing parcels is proposed to be provided in the existing Station Building, as soon as some of the Offices from there are shifted to the New Station Building, nearing completion.

नागपुर-छिदवाड़ा लाइन

२७६. श्री चांडक : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर गया है कि नागपुर-छिदवाड़ा क्षेत्र में रहने वाले किसान, व्यापारी और आम जनता के प्रतिनिधि बहुत समय से यह मांग कर रहे हैं कि नागपुर और छिदवाड़ा के बीच की छोटी लाइन संक्शन को हटा दिया जाये और परासिया को छिदवाड़ा होकर नागपुर से बड़ी लाइन द्वारा जोड़ दिया जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस विषय पर विचार करेगी ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उप-मंत्री (श्री अल-नेशन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) यह विषय छोटी लाइनों को बड़ी मीटर लाइनों में बदलने के आम सवाल से सम्बन्ध रखता है, जिसकी जांच की जा रही है । उसके साथ इस पर भी विचार किया जायेगा ।

MERGER OF FORMER STATE RAILWAYS

**280. { Shri Ramachandra Reddi:
Shri Veeraswamy:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 517 on the 21st December, 1955 and state:

(a) the number of posts that were existing on the *ex-Mysore State Railway*, *ex-Bikaner Railway* and *ex-Jodhpur Railway*, separately, at the time of merger which were "equated" to posts in the "Administrative Grade" on the Government Railways;

(b) the number of *ex-Mysore State Railway Officers*, who were actually promoted to the "Administrative Grade" after the 1st April, 1951, and the number of *ex-Bikaner* and *Jodhpur Railway Officers*, promoted to the "Administrative Grade" after the 1st April, 1952;

(c) the number of *ex-Mysore State, Bikaner and Jodhpur Railway Officers*, separately, who were working in the District Grade, but placed senior to *ex-Government Railway Officers* who completed 10 years service in Class I on the 1st January, 1956;

(d) whether on account of the delay in arriving at decisions on the recommendation of the "Reviewing Committee" promotions are being made on Railways according to the "Tentative" seniority given to the *ex-State Officers* which was more favourable to them than that recommended by the "Reviewing Committee"; and

(e) the time when final decisions may be expected in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) One each on the *ex-Mysore State Railway*, *ex-Bikaner State Railway* and *ex-Jodhpur Railway*.

(b) Seven, one and five respectively.

(c) Ten, two and ten respectively.

(d) The delay in taking decisions has not affected the promotions as the final seniority lists are the same as those tentatively drawn up.