

tions of the Selection Board were not approved by the competent authority as it came to notice that some eligible staff had been inadvertently omitted to be considered and some other staff not eligible to be considered had come to be placed before the Selection Board.

(c) and (d). A second selection was held. One of the junior persons who had earlier been placed at the top of the list came to be assigned third place in the second list by the Selection Board.

KATIHAR AND BARJOI RAILWAY LINE

1815. Shri M. Islamuddin : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to reply given to part (c) of the Unstarred Question No. 463 on the 13th December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the preliminary engineering survey for doubling the Railway line between Katihar and Barjoi on the North Eastern Railway has been made ;

(b) if so, the results of the survey ;

(c) when the work will start ; and

(d) when it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). The Preliminary Engineering Survey for doubling the railway line between Katihar and Barjoi has just been completed and the Survey Report is under preparation by the North Eastern Railway Administration.

(c) and (d). The construction of this doubling will be considered after the survey Report has been received and examined by the Railway Board. It is, therefore, too early to say if and when the work will be started and completed.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (PURNEA)

1816. Shri M. Islamuddin : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 924 on the 16th December, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the capacity of the Telephone Exchange at Purnea (Bihar) has been increased further ; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) Yes.

(b) From 50 to 100 lines.

TOURISM

**1817. { Mulla Abdullahai :
Shri Madiab Gowda :**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the amount spent, on press publicity for the development of tourism, in India and outside in 1954-55?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : India Rs. 6.798. Foreign countries 93,000.

CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS

1818. Shri Rishang Keishing : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that telegrams including press messages sent by different political parties and press correspondents were either censored or suppressed in Imphal Telegraph Office during 15th November, 1954 up to the end of April, 1955;

(b) if so, the number of telegrams suppressed which were addressed to Prime Minister and Central Cabinet Ministers and also the number of press telegrams suppressed ; and

(c) whether the amounts collected in case of censored or suppressed telegrams in the Imphal Telegraph Office were refunded to the senders?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) Two telegrams, one private and one press, containing exaggerated accounts prejudicial to public safety were detained at Imphal Telegraph Office during the period 15-11-54 to 30-4-55 under order of the Chief Commissioner of Manipur (Government) in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section I(b) of Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act (XIII of 1885) which was served on the Postmaster, Imphal.

(b) One private telegram addressed to "STATES MINISTER" and one Press telegram to a News Agency.