

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). There is one Reservation Inspector on the Eastern Railway at Fairlie Place, Calcutta, and there are two on the Western Railway in the Reservation Office, Churchgate, Bombay.

#### COLOMBO PLAN

**1842. Shri M. L. Agrawal:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Foreign Scholarships for Medical Studies in the United Kingdom under the Colombo Plan were sanctioned in 1954;

(b) if so, the names and qualifications of the scholars and the amounts and duration of the scholarships;

(c) whether these scholarships have been availed of by all to whom they were granted; and

(d) if not, why not?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No scholarship was given under the Colombo Plan, but only fellowships were granted.

(b) to (d). A statement containing the information is attached. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 66]

#### RAILWAYS WIRELESS OPERATORS

**1843. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 509 on the 30th March, 1955 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the assurance given on the floor of the Sabha, no steps have been taken so far to review the objections raised by the employees regarding the final seniority list of Wireless Operators of Northern Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on account of this, junior operators of Ex-E.P. Railway have been officiating on higher posts thus superseding the claims of operators of other Railways and those operators are likely to be confirmed in higher posts soon;

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(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Railway Board to remove the discontentment of employees on account of undue prolonged indecision of the administration to finalize the seniority list?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No assurance was given in reply to Question No. 509 of 30-3-55 but facts were stated. It has so far not been possible to draw up a final seniority list for want of information regarding service particulars which is awaited and is being obtained from N.W.Rly. (Pakistan).

(b) In the absence of final seniority lists, promotions are inevitably made on the basis of provisional seniority lists but confirmations will not be made until seniority is finally determined.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Railway Board will continue their efforts to obtain the service records but it has been decided that if these are not obtained by the 30th June, 1956, seniority will be finalised on the basis of available information.

#### TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

**1844. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of cases of Ticket Checkers and other Railway employees allowing passengers to travel without issue of tickets with a view to misappropriate the money which have been detected in 1954 and 1955?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** 25 cases in 1954 and 38 in 1955.

B.C.G.

**1845. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of persons who were inoculated with B.C.G. in Bihar State during 1955?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** 11,23,325.