

(d) the amount spent so far ; and

(e) whether the ex-Saurashtra State helped in the enterprise?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) On 15th June, 1955.

(b) Yes, except that two posts of officers are vacant at present.

(c) This question has not yet been considered by Government.

(d) Rs. 3,75,280 (up to Sept., 1956).

(e) Yes, Sir.

#### Expansion of Hospital at Guntur

**\*577. Shri Nambiar :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra have asked for grant for the expansion of the Hospital at Guntur ;

(b) if so, whether the same has been sanctioned ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) :** (a) Yes, while asking for a grant for the expansion of the Medical College at Guntur, the Government of Andhra have also asked for a grant for the expansion of the Hospital at Guntur.

(b) No.

(c) It has been decided that Central assistance should be given to State Governments only for the expansion of Medical Colleges and not for the expansion of hospitals attached to medical colleges. No assistance can, therefore, be given to the Government of Andhra for the expansion of the Hospital at Guntur.

#### Indian Institute of Sugar Technology

**\*578. Shri Shivananjappa :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an experimental sugar factory on model lines will be started at Kanpur to help the work of the Indian Institute of Sugar Technology;

(b) if so, what will be the crushing capacity of the factory ; and

(c) whether an Extension Service Scheme will be introduced for a five year period?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** (a) Yes.

(b) This has been referred to a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Board of the Indian Institute of Sugar Technology.

#### Shuttle Train from Beliaghata Bridge to Shyambazar

**\*579. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 984 on the 10th August, 1956 and state whether the question of running the shuttle train from Beliaghata Bridge station to Shyambazar will be reconsidered at least till such time as road running parallel to existing railway alignment is constructed, since the alignment of B.G. line in lieu of ex-B.B. Lt. Railway, Bengal has been changed from Birati to Baraset?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** The provision of even a shuttle service between Beliaghata Bridge and Shyambazar, would involve very heavy rehabilitation of the assets, which will take about a year to complete, quite apart from financial consideration. As the State Government have already constructed a tar-metalled road from Patipukur (Shyambazar) to Rajarhat Bishnupur—a distance of 9 miles, and the road is being extended right up to Beliaghata Bridge. The question of considering running of a shuttle service does not arise.

#### Heavy Packages in Passenger Compartments

**\*581. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 614 on the 2nd August, 1956, and state:

(a) whether Government have now fixed a specific upper limit to the size, weight and number of packages which passengers can lawfully carry in their compartments ; and

(b) if so, what is that limit?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** (a) and (b). The matter is still under examination.