

Kazipet-Nellore Rail Link via Nagarjun Sagar Dam

398. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :
Shri S. V. L. Narasimham :
Shri C. R. Chowdary :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to order preliminary engineering survey of rail link between Kazipet and Nellore via Nagarjun Sagar Dam during the next year with a view to taking up this project later on ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): There is no such proposal now in view of the decision taken to double the Bezwada-Gudur Section.

Railway Staff Welfare

399. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway has drawn up any plan to promote staff welfare; and

(b) if so, the provisions of the plan ?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 16].

Thefts in Goods Shed

400. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether some copper ingot moulds were removed from Jagadhri Railway Shed;

(b) if so, the number of such copper ingot moulds, removed and their value;

(c) the number of items recovered from the thieves; and

(d) whether the arrested persons were Railway employees ?

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

(b) 13 ingots valued at about Rs. 1,5000.

(c) 11 ingots.

(d) No.

B.C.G. Vaccination

401. { Shri Dabhi :
Shri Kajrolkar :

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement from Madras,

dated September, 6, 1956, issued by Shri C. Rajagopalachari, wherein he stated that Dr. Palmers' studies have prove that it is the tuberculosis positive that turned most of the T.B. cases and therefore B.C.G. vaccination does not touch the problem of tuberculosis; and

(b) if so, what are Government's reactions there to ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) Government do not share the view that B.C.G. vaccination does not touch the problem of tuberculosis. They however, agree that most tuberculosis cases come from the naturally tuberculin positives, which is a well-known and accepted fact. B.C.G. vaccination is intended to prevent the non-infected persons from becoming tuberculin positives due to natural infection.

Fraud Detection and Espionage Machinery

402. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up "Fraud Detection and Espionage" machinery in the Railways;

(b) if so, how far it will help to check ticketless travel ;

(c) the composition of this machinery ;

(d) whether it is a fact that mobile fencing was resorted to by ticket checking staff; and

(e) if so, in which Railways and with what results ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Special organisations to deal exclusively with cases involving use of fraudulent tickets and watching the activities of the suspected criminals involved, have been set up on the Central, South-Eastern and Railways. The Northern Railway is considering the establishment of such an organisation. The other three Zonal Railways, viz. Southern, Western and North-Eastern Railways, have no such proposal under consideration.

(b) These special organisations are instrumental in detecting individual passengers travelling on fraudulent tickets and also unearthing the sources of such frauds.

(c) Their composition is as follows:—

Central Railway. One Senior Ticket Inspector and 4 Assistant Inspectors.

South Eastern Railway. One Chief Inspector and two Junior Inspectors.