

nursing staff of the Sardarjang Hospital out of a Sports Fund to which contributions are made voluntarily by staff nurses at Re. 1 per head per month. These facilities include provision for games like Badminton, Chinese Game, Carrom, Table Tennis and Cards. A gramophone and a Radio have also been provided in the common room in the mess. A picnic is arranged once a month. Film shows are occasionally arranged in the hospital and the nursing staff are permitted to see those shows.

(b) One rupee per head per month is subscribed voluntarily by Staff Nurses towards the Sports Fund.

(c) The Sports Secretary, who is one of the nurses, maintains the accounts which are checked by the Matron and audited by the Accounts Officer. The Medical Superintendent of the Hospital also scrutinises the accounts.

रेलवे कर्मचारियों के लिये त्योहार का भत्ता

२०२. श्री जांगड़े : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिलासपुर जिले में दक्षिण-पूर्व रेलवे के कर्मचारियों को होली, दशहरा या ईद जैसे त्योहारों के अवसर पर त्योहार के दिने अगाऊ वेतन (फेस्टीवल एडवान्स) नहीं दिया गया ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो शासन ने रेलवे कर्मचारियों को इस कठिनाई को हल करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

रेलवे उपमन्त्री (श्री गहनराज झा) :

(क) जी, नहीं, १९५६ में दशहरे के मौके पर और १९५७ में ईद के मौके पर उन सभी लोगों को पेशगी दी गयी थी जो भूगतान के दिन हाजिर थे । लेकिन इस साल होली में पेशगी देने का इन्तजाम समय पर न किया जा सका । सिर्फ कुछ कर्मचारियों को पेशगी दी गयी, लेकिन वह भी दोड़ी थी ।

(ख) त्योहारों की एक सूची बनाकर उन सभी दफ्तरों को भेज दी गयी है जो पेशगी का इन्तजाम करते हैं, ताकि पेशगी समय पर दी जा सके ।

Land Acquisition

203. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the compensation given to the landowners of Deogarh and Kuchinda sub-divisions of Sambalpur in Orissa after acquisition of their lands for the construction of the National Highway No. 6 running from Calcutta to Bombay; and

(b) whether the compensation has been fully paid up by now?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The required information is not available with us. It is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as available.

Experimental Tube-wells in Bombay State

205. Shri K. G. Deshmukh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of experimental tube-wells allotted to Purna Basin in Bombay State;

(b) how many experiments have been conducted upto this time and at what places; and

(c) how many of them have been successful?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 15 Experimental tubewells.