

Western Railway, Ajmer, during the years 1943 to 1946 in the grade of Rs. 30-50;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Pay Commission scales of pay have not yet been introduced in their case so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 83

(b) No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.

Acquisition of Land

524. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much land was acquired by the Government of India during 1956 for public purposes, and

(b) whether the compensation due has been paid?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of Lok Sabha as soon as it becomes available.

Medical Council of India

525. Shri Warrior: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reorganisation Sub-Committee appointed sometime ago by the Medical Council of India had recommended that the incumbents of the posts of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Council should be men with medical degree,

(b) if so, whether the present incumbents of these posts are holding medical degrees; and

(c) if not, why?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Reorganisation sub-Committee recommended that the

incumbent of the post of Assistant Secretary should be a medical man. The sub-committee did not make any specific recommendation that the incumbent of the post of Secretary should also be a medical man.

(b) and (c). The Medical Council of India, which is a statutory body did not accept the recommendation of the Sub-Committee in regard to the post of Assistant Secretary. The present Assistant Secretary, who is acting as Secretary, does not hold any medical degree. A medical man has been selected for appointment as Secretary to the Council.

Navigation in Ganga and Ghaghra

526. Shri Bishwanath Roy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for using Ganga upto Kanpur and the Ghaghra upto Fyzabad in connection with inland navigation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): It is not intended at present to develop navigation beyond Allahabad on the Ganga. As regards the Ghaghra, the possibility of extending navigation upto Bahram Ghat is under consideration.

Deep Sea Sampling Work

527. { Shri V. P. Nayar:
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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive deep sea sampling work in connection with fishing has been undertaken at the instance of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) It is presumed that the sampling referred to in the question is sampling for water. No comprehensive deep sea sampling for water in connection with fishing has been undertaken but