

### Railway Sidings

**219. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to construct Railway sidings at Agartala, Khowai, Kailashaher and Belonia, to avoid certain difficulties of transport, and

(b) if so, when Government propose to take necessary action?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b) There is a proposal to construct sidings at some of the places but no decision has been arrived at as yet

### Jute Research Stations

**220. Shri S. N. Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the number of Jute Research Stations in the country,

(b) whether any such station has been established in Orissa, and

(c) if so, since when and where?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) There are no Jute Research Stations in the country at present, but there is one Jute Agricultural Research Institute at Barrackpore and a Technological Research Laboratory at Tollygunj, Calcutta Sanction has also been accorded to the establishment of three Jute Research-cum-Demonstration Sub-Stations in Assam, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh

(b) Not yet

(c) Does not arise

### Merta-Ajmer Rail Link

**221. Shri M. D. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether the survey for constructing a railway line between Merta and Ajmer via Thanwla Pushkar metre gauge Northern Railway,

had been carried out by the former Jodhpur Railway now merged in Northern Railway,

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take on the report, and

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to already surveyed schemes particularly in under-developed states?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) It has not been possible to include this line in the Second Five Year Plan

### Leper Asylums

**222. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central aid or subsidy has been given for the Leper Asylum at Nooranad, Kerala State,

(b) if so, how much, and

(c) whether the Government of India have given any financial assistance to any leper asylum in any of the State?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received either from the State Government or from the Leper Asylum at Nooranad

(c) Yes. A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No 100] The grants have been sanctioned on the recommendation of the State Governments.

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२२३ श्री रावलाल व्यास क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भूतपूर्व शासक राज्य के डाक कर्मचारियों को अब भी पुराने बताने त्रामों पर ही बताने तथा महंगाई भत्ते दिये जा रहे हैं, जो कि समान दर्जे