

Auxiliary Nurse Midwife students which is the stipend paid to other nurse students in the State.

A statement giving the scale of pay and allowances fixed for the Auxiliary Nurse-Midwives by the various State Governments is given in the annexure. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 105].

Over-bridge at Siddhpur

896. Shri M. B. Thakore: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India proposed last year to construct an over-bridge at Siddhpur (Western Railway) Station to avoid hardship to labourers of two mills there;

(b) if so, the reasons for the postponement of the same;

(c) what will be the estimated expenses of constructing the same; and

(d) whether it is a fact that two persons were killed in accident as there is no over-bridge at Siddhpur Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been under consideration for a foot over-bridge.

(b) Government of Bombay's acceptance to the estimate of the deposit work is awaited.

(c) Rs. 95,077.

(d) One trespasser was runover in the yard on 26.1.56 while shunting was going on.

Indigenous and Homoeopathic Systems of Medicine

897. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have applied for any financial assistance for encouragement and promotion of the indigenous and homoeopathic systems of medicine during the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the amount applied for; and

(c) the reaction of Government to it?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Government of Orissa have applied for financial assistance in respect of the scheme for the improvement of the Gopabandhu Ayurvedic Vidyapitha, Puri. No request has been received from the State Government for financial assistance in respect of Homoeopathic System of Medicine.

(b) Rs. 3.94 lakhs.

(c) The request has not been considered by the Government of India as previous grant of Rs. 14,200 sanctioned during 1955-56 has not yet been fully utilised.

Lohna Road Station

898. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of upgrading the Lohna Road Flag Station of the Darbhanga Nirmal section of the North Eastern Railway by making it a crossing station and increasing the status of the station by providing more amenities for passengers has been considered or is proposed to be considered.

(b) if so, the programme in this respect; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A proposal for converting Lohna Road Flag Station into a crossing station has been included in the North Eastern Railway's Second Five Year Plan, and the work is likely to be taken up during 1960-61.

There is no proposal at present for provision of additional amenities at Lohna Road. The programme for the provision of amenities is drawn up annually by Railway Administrations in consultation with their Passenger Amenities Committees; in drawing up future programmes the requirements of Lohna Road station, vis-à-vis other stations, will, no doubt, receive due consideration.