

(ii) *Eye Hospital, Sitapur*: 32 candidates are receiving training at present.

(2) *Andhra Pradesh. Sarojini Devi Hospital and Institute of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Hyderabad*:—19 students are receiving training at present.

Trained Personnel for Health

2540 **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assessment of requirements and resources of trained personnel for health upto the end of the Third Plan period has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of the steps proposed to be taken to meet their requirements?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise

Eatables at Rewari Station

2541. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eatables sold by the hawkers at the Rewari Station on the Metre Gauge Section of Northern Railway are of a very low standard and it causes great harm to the health of the people taking them; and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the quality of eatables?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) During the last two years there has been no public complaint about the poor quality of eatables sold by the vendors at Rewari. But on two occasions the quality of eatables sold was found to

be unsatisfactory by the supervisory officials.

(b) In the two specific cases the contractors have been fined Rs. 25 each. Also, supervision will continue to be exercised.

Delivery of Postal Articles in Punjab

2542. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are villages in Mohindergarh and Hissar Districts in Punjab where delivery of postal articles is made once or twice a week;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide more postal facilities at such places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) Yes, it is so in Hissar District, but in Mohindergarh District villages are served twice or more than twice a week.

(b) and (c) Yes, by opening more post offices and employing more Extra Departmental Delivery Agents.

Study of Ayurveda

2543. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to establish Chairs of Ayurvedic Medicine in the Colleges of Modern Medicine with a view to stimulate the study of Ayurveda; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b) The Committee recently appointed by Government to assess and evaluate the present status of Ayurveda have *inter-alia* recommended that State Government should take up the question of establishment of Chairs of