

### Seniority of Railway Engineers

**2572. Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has issued an order on the 15th February, 1960 refixing the seniority and pay of Jamalpur trained Assistant Mechanical Engineers;

(b) if so, the reasons for this order;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these orders will adversely affect the seniority of direct recruits of Engineering Graduates in the Ex-M.S.M. and Ex-S.I. Railways and also Jamalpur Trainees before 1942; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to remove this discrimination?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Orders were issued on 15-2-1960 regarding re-fixation of the pay of Jamalpur trained Asstt. Mech. Engineers who were recruited after 1-1-1942.

(b) The Jamalpur trained Asstt. Mech. Engineers when posted to a working post were receiving Rs. 350 under CPC Scales of pay whereas directly recruited engineers were receiving under the same scales of pay Rs. 380 when posted to working posts. The orders dated 15-2-1960 were issued to remove this disparity.

(c) Under examination.

(d) Does not arise.

### Homoeopathy

**2573. Shri Mohan Nayak:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what amount has been sanctioned by the Central Government for the development of Homoeopathy in India for the year 1959-60;

(b) for what items the grant is sanctioned; and

(c) how much amount has been sanctioned for each item?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) to (c). An amount of Rs. 2,60,000 has been sanctioned by the Central Government as cash grant for the development of Homoeopathy in India for the year 1959-60. The items for which the grant is sanctioned are as under:—

(i) For research beds—Rs. 40,000.

(ii) For teaching institution—Rs. 2,20,000.

In addition an amount of Rs. 15.75 lakhs was allocated to State Governments for expenditure and adjustment against “ways and means” advances for the development of Indigenous Systems of Medicine including Homoeopathy. The amount adjusted by the State Governments as expenditure on Homoeopathy is not known.

### Telephone Rates

**2574. Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case has been started in the High Court of Calcutta against the increase in the telephone rates; and

(b) if so, by whom and when?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) Government is not aware of any such case.

(b) Does not arise.

### Appointments in Kharagpur

**2575. Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications were invited by the South Eastern Railway for one thousand posts in Kharagpur in the month of August, 1957;

(b) if so, how many applications were received; and

(c) how many candidates have been appointed?