

Service Division were proposed to be shifted from Silchar to Gauhati after partition as early as 1949; and

(b) what are the reasons for not shifting the headquarters so far?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) The case was examined.

(b) The question of shifting the Headquarters from Silchar to a more suitable and central place is under examination.

#### **Train car collision near Rajkot**

**1402. Shri P. E. Patel:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons injured and damage caused to Railways and the ambulance car on a railway crossing near Rajkot due to collision of the railway mail train with the ambulance car in November, 1960; and

(b) the causes of the collision?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Four persons were injured.

There was no damage to the Railway property. The cost of damage to the Ambulance Car is not known.

(b) The cause of the accident is under investigation.

#### **Speed of Delhi-Rewari Trains**

**1403. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of doubling of railway track between Delhi and Garhi-Harsaru on the speed of trains;

(b) whether any time has been curtailed between Delhi and Rewari; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). As a result of the doubling between Delhi Sarai-Rohilla and Garhi Harsaru, there has been some reduction in the running time of most of the trains on the Delhi-Rewari section. In the case of a few trains, there is, however, some increase in the running time due to extra time provided on account of engineering works in progress and extra time provided for two Up trains for changing from double to single line at Garhi Harsaru and again to double line at Khalilpur.

#### **Medical Store Depots**

**1404. Shri Anthony Pillai:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals are under consideration to diversify and augment the manufacture of drugs at the Medical Store Depots at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Karnal; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposals?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Yes; in the Medical Store Depots at Madras and Bombay.

(b) It is proposed to replace obsolete machinery and to instal additional modern machinery for expanding the manufacturing activities of the Medical Store Depot Factories at Madras and Bombay.

#### **Workers in Medical Store Depots**

**1405. Shri Anthony Pillai:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual workers employed on an average each day during the last six months by each of the Medical Store Depots at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Karnal;

(b) what is the daily rate paid to such workers at each centre; and