

(c) It is not a fact.

(d) A comparative statement is given below:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Estimated cost—Rs. 30,24,822.

Name of firm	Tendered amount
1. M/s. Santokh Singh B.A. & Bros.	Rs. 30,48,922:00
2. M/s. Tirath Ram	Rs. 31,84,082:11

Imphal-Gauhati Telegraph Communications

*1393. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land circuit lines for telegraphic communication between Imphal and Gauhati were cut and dislocated since December 1960 by activities of Naga hostiles and telegrams are despatched by ordinary mail;

(b) whether any arrangement was made for despatch of the telegrams by wireless; and

(c) if so, whether all the telegrams are despatched by wireless or only some are despatched by wireless and others by ordinary mail?

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

(a) Yes, the land circuits are at times dislocated and then some telegrams are sent by ordinary mail.

(b) Yes.

(c) Messages are cleared over the wireless link to the extent possible and the rest are despatched by Air Mail.

Mobile Libraries on N.F. Railway and S. Railway

*1396. **Shri Osman Ali Khan:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the scheme of introducing mobile libraries on the North-East Frontier and the Southern Railways;

(b) if so, when the scheme is to come into existence; and

(c) the cost of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) On the Southern Railway it will take a few months more before the libraries are brought into commission. On the Northeast Frontier Railway, one of the libraries is expected to be brought into use sometime in June 1961 and the other soon after.

(c) Rs. 72,000 approximately on the Southern Railway and Rs. 11,000 approximately on the Northeast Frontier Railway, for introducing the scheme.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences

*1400. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work for Agricultural supervision of the work of construction of Out Patient Department and Hospital Buildings in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences proposed to cost over Rs. 3 crores has been given to two firms of Architects in Delhi and, if so, the names of the firms; and

(b) what were the terms offered by the two firms as against the offers made by other competitors for the work of Architects?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The work of construction of the O.P.D. Block estimated to cost Rs. 57.61 lakhs has been awarded to Messrs. Kanvinde and Rai and Messrs. Master, Sathe and Kothari, two firms of Architects jointly. It is proposed to entrust the construction of the Hospital buildings estimated to cost Rs. 265.80 lakhs to the same firms.

(b) A comparative statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 84]