

with Doctors (Medical Graduates) by either giving them non-practising allowance or permitting them to give their counsels to private parties in respect of legal advice?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh)** (a) 281.

(b) No.

**Through Passenger Train from Katihar to Gauhati**

**2957. Shri Priya Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no through passenger and parcel train from Katihar to Gauhati, thus affecting very badly the perishable traffic from Bihar to North Bengal and Assam; and

(b) whether with the construction of the Broad Gauge line upto Assam "path" will be available for re-introducing through passenger/parcel trains between Katihar and Gauhati?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) While no direct passenger train stopping at all stations is available between Katihar and Gauhati, a through Parcel Express service is available between these points in Nos. 901 Up|902 Dn. Parcel Expresses besides two pairs of through Mail trains and two other pairs of connected trains. Perishable traffic offering between stations in Bihar and North Bengal|Assam is adequately catered to by these services.

(b) Despite the introduction of B.G. services upto New Bongaigaon/Jogighopa, line capacity is not at present available for introduction of an additional through passenger/parcel train between Katihar and Gauhati without adversely affecting the movement of essential goods traffic.

**Export of Railway Wagons to East European Countries**

**2159. Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up an assembly unit in Yugoslavia for railway-wagons which are manufactured in India;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in that direction; and

(c) the present export of railway wagons to the East European countries and how far the prospects of such export will increase with the setting up of this assembly unit?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c) The State Trading Corporation has entered into an agreement with Messrs. NIKEX of Hungary for the supply of Railway Wagons to that country and in implementation of this agreement the wagons will be exported in semi-knocked-down condition to Yugoslavia where they will be assembled before delivery to the Hungarians. For this purpose, the S. T. C. have made arrangements with one of the wagon manufacturing workshops in Yugoslavia for the assembly of wagons.

Efforts are being continued to secure orders from other East European Countries. The prospects will increase once Indian wagons start running on European railway lines and their quality is found competitive.

**Black-listed Firms**

**2960. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** will the Minister of Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1878 on the 18th November, 1966 and state:

(a) when the decision in regard to the action to be taken against firms "black-listed" by Government is likely to be announced; and