

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

(b) whether in the intervening period, any legal penalties and sanctions will be imposed on already "black-listed" firms?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) and (b). The question as to how the existing laws could be strengthened and their scope widened to enable Government to take more effective action against firms guilty of malpractices is still under examination of the Government. In the meantime action against such firms is taken in accordance with the powers available under the existing laws.

Sheds on Platforms on the Rupa-Nangal Dam Section

2961. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision had been taken to provide sheds on platforms at Nangal Dam, Anand Pur Sahib and Rupa stations, and for which orders had been placed with the workshops; and

(b) if so, the time it will take to complete the construction of sheds on these platforms?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh) (a) and (b). Yes. The steel structure for provision of sheds on platforms at Nangal Dam and Anand Pur Sahib are under fabrication and the provision of sheds at these stations is likely to be completed by April, 1967. At present there is no proposal to provide shed over platform at Rupa.

H. M. T. Unit in Rupa District

2962. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a unit of the Hindustan Machine Tools in Rupa District, Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

रूकेला इस्पात कारखाने को कच्चे लोहा तथा मँगनीज अयस्क की सप्लाई

2963. श्री मधु लिमये :

श्री किशन पटनायक :

क्या लोहा और इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उड़ीसा के भूतपूर्व मुख्य मंत्री की एक फर्म को रूकेला इस्पात कारखाने का कच्चे लोहा तथा मँगनीज अयस्क की सप्लाई करने का ठेका दिये जाने के मामले की जांच की गई है ;

(ख) क्या सरकारने घातु तथा खनिज निगम को यह ठेका न दिये जाने के कारणों की भी जांच की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

लोहा और इस्पात मंत्री (श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह) : (क) से (ग). मामले की जांच की गई है। चूंकि सरकारी उपक्रम समिति इस मामले की जांच कर रही है अतः सरकार के लिये यह उचित न होगा कि समिति द्वारा निष्कर्षों पर पहुँचने से पूर्व सरकार अपने विचार प्रकट करे जिससे समिति द्वारा की जाने वाली जांच पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़े।

Broad Gauge Line to Kathgodam

2964. Shri K. C. Pant: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of new broad gauge lines to be laid during the Fourth Plan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a decision to lay a broad gauge line from Bareilly/Rampur to Kathgodam was taken sometime back which was later postponed;