

production of these two units was studied by it in the second quarter of 1962 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both these companies have been paid for 9 years a price higher than the price paid to Sone Valley without getting their cost of production examined and in spite of the fact that their published Balance Sheets show their cost of production to be lower than the cost of production of Sone Valley ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed) : (a) to (c). The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the Government Resolution on the subject, a copy of which is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-3197/70*].

HOLDING OF TRADE TEST FOR PHARMACISTS FOR CONFIRMATION IN INDIAN RAILWAYS

6361. Shri Raj Deo Singh : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pharmacists in the Indian Railways have to undergo a trade test in 'First Aid' to qualify for confirmation in their cadre ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Doctors and Nurses are not required to undergo any such tests ; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the reasons thereof ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Nanda) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

POST OF PHARMACISTS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

6362. Shri Raj Deo Singh : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of posts of Pharmacists on the Indian Railways ;

(b) the total number of vacancies occurring in all the Railways on different dates, date-wise ;

(c) the reasons for not filling them up ; and

(d) the number of posts of Pharmacists surrendered during the year 1961-69 ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Nanda) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

NEW COMPANIES IN PUBLISHING FIELD IN DELHI

6363. Shri Sardar Amjad Ali : Will the Minister of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) how many new companies in the publishing field commenced business in Delhi between October, 1968 and March, 1970 ;

(b) the names and addresses of registered and head offices and also of Directors of those Companies ;

(c) which of these companies or their Directors and Promoters have entered into collaborative contract with American publishers and foreign individuals ; and

(d) whether all these companies maintain sign plates outside their premises ?

The Minister of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed) : (a) and (b). During the period October, 1968 to March, 1970, 14 such companies, limited by shares, were registered in Delhi. The particulars relating to their names, dates of registration, addresses of registered offices and the names of their directors are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-3198/70*].

(c) According to the available information Messrs Amerind Publishing Co. (Private), Ltd., New Delhi had entered into collaboration with foreign publishers viz., Amerind Publishing Corporation, New York.

(d) Every company registered under the Companies Act is required in terms of the provisions of Section 147(1) (a) of the Act to paint or affix its name and the address of its registered office outside the office or place in which its business is carried on.

**DIESELISATION OF KANGRA VALLEY
AND KALKA-SIMLA SEC-
TIONS OF NORTHERN
RAILWAY**

6364. Shri Hem Raj : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on Uneconomic Railway Lines has recommended for the dieselisation of the narrow-gauge Kangra Valley section and Kalka-Simla Section of the Northern Railway ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some years ago a few engines were ordered for the Kangra Valley section ; and

(c) if so, what has become of them and the time by which these narrow-gauge sections would be dieselised ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Nanda) : (a) Yes. Kalka-Simla Section is already partially dieselised.

(b) and (c). 25 Narrow Gauge Diesel Locomotives were procured in 1964-65 for Indian Railways and these were allotted as under :

Northern	..	10
South-Eastern	..	15

10 Narrow Gauge Diesel Locomotives are proposed to be manufactured during the 4th Plan. Dieselisation of various sections keeping in view the recommendations of the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee 1969 will be kept in view as these locomotives become available.

**EXTENSION OF MADRAS JANTA
EXPRESS TRAIN TO
PATHANKOT**

6365. Shri Hem Raj : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Srinagar

Express and Kashmir Mail go overcrowded throughout the year ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Calcutta (Eastern Region) and Bombay (Western Region) people are served by the Sealdah Express and Paschim Express respectively ;

(c) whether it is further a fact that the Southern States have got no train for Pathankot, and the military personnel and the tourists from that area are put to great difficulty ; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to extend the Madras Janta Express to Pathankot for the convenience of passengers from the South and ease overcrowding for Pathankot at Delhi ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Nanda) : (a) Yes. Mostly on the stretch between Ambala and Pathankot.

(b) Calcutta and Pathankot are linked by a direct train *viz.* Sealdah-Pathankot Expresses but there is no direct train between Bombay and Pathankot although 3 through coaches are provided during the period from April 1 to November, 15 between these points by Frontier Mail which connects the Kashmir Mail at Delhi. Paschim Express runs between Bombay Central and New Delhi/Amritsar

(c) and (d). There is no direct train linking Pathankot with the Southern States. Suitable connecting services are however, available with a change at Delhi/New Delhi during convenient hours. No. 60 leaves Pathankot at 22.50 arrives New Delhi at 9.55 and connects No. 18 which leaves New Delhi at 10.50. In the other direction No. 15 arrives New Delhi at 11.10 and connects No. 59 at 21.10. The extension of 17 Dn./18UP Madras-Delhi Janta Express to and from Pathankot is therefore neither considered necessary nor is it feasible at present for want of line capacity, particularly in Delhi-Ambala section.