

(d) if so, by what time?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). There is traffic justification for the conversion of one of the existing mixed trains on the section into a purely passenger train. This can be done on receipt of the Engines on order for use on the section and other necessary stock.

(c) and (d). Acceleration will be possible with the use of the Diesel Engines on the section and the conversion of mixed trains into passenger trains, referred to above.

#### KANDLA-BHUJ RAILWAY LINE

**771. Shri Dholakia:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of converting the 'narrow-gauge' line into 'metre-gauge' between Kandla and Bhuj has begun;

(b) if so, how long it will take to complete; and

(c) whether it is intended to construct a building for the Railway Station at Bhuj?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is expected to be completed during 1955-56.

(c) No, Sir.

#### BHUJ HOSPITAL

**772. Shri Dholakia:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the applications for the post of a Surgeon for Bhuj Hospital have been invited; and

(b) if so, when the post is likely to be filled?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) The post of Surgeon

in Jubilee Hospital, Bhuj was advertised by the Union Public Service Commission, on 19th June 1954.

(b) The post will be filled up as soon as the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission is received.

#### CITY BOOKING OFFICE AT GORAKHPUR

**773. Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for opening a city Railway Booking Office at Gorakhpur;

(b) whether any such Booking Office was existing there in the past;

(c) if the answer to the part (b) above be in the affirmative, the reasons for its closure; and

(d) whether Government propose to open one now?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) There has been no such demand recently.

(b) Yes.

(c) The City Booking Office had to be closed as the facility was not adequately availed of by the public.

(d) No.

#### UNECONOMIC SUGAR FACTORIES

**774. Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give any facility to the uneconomic sugar factories for shifting to suitable sites; and

(b) if so, the nature of the facilities to be given?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) Besides providing facilities for the movement of machinery, etc., Government may grant some financial as-