

Sewapuri. Post offices at both these stations were however opened prior to 1953-54.

SULTANPUR-JAFARABAD RAIL LINK

422. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how far the construction work of Sultanpur-Jafarabad Railway line has been completed;

(b) how long it will take to open this line for regular traffic; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far out of the amount sanctioned in the current budget?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The work on the construction of Sultanpur-Jafarabad Railway line has been completed except for stone ballasting of the line.

(b) The line has been opened to passenger traffic on 27th November, 1954.

(c) The amount allotted in the budget of the current year is expected to be fully spent during the current financial year.

RAILWAY BOILERS

423. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and value of boilers imported into India during the year 1953-54;

(b) the number of boilers manufactured at various workshops in India;

(c) the names of the factories manufacturing boilers in India;

(d) the average cost of the production of such boilers; and

(e) how it compares with the cost of boilers imported from abroad?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Indian Railways including the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works imported 90 boilers during 1953-54 at a cost of Rs. 98,15,000.

(b) 62 excluding those built by TELCO and used in the locomotives they manufactured.

(c) Locomotives boilers are being manufactured by the following firms:—

(i) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

(ii) Tata Locomotive & Engineering Co. Ltd.

(iii) Messrs. Textile Machinery Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.

(d) the cost of production varies according to the type of boilers and is from one to two and a half lakhs. This will be reduced as production is fully established.

(e) Similar types of boilers were not imported during the year 1953-54 but the cost of production of those manufactured in India was about one and a half to twice the imported cost.

TUBERCULOSIS

424. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government during the last seven years to combat the menace of Tuberculosis; and

(b) whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a Statement showing the figures of incidence of the disease, year by year, during this period?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) A statement showing the steps taken by Government is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 81.]

(b) Actual figures are not available.

UNEMPLOYED LABOURERS

425. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of mine labourers in various categories of mines during the last five years; and

(b) the measures taken to absorb the unemployed labourers in the various mines?