

Passenger Amenities

662. Shri C. R. Chowdary : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations on the Southern Railway where Passenger Guides have been appointed so far;

(b) the number of stations where these Guides have yet to be appointed; and

(c) the minimum educational qualifications prescribed for them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 13.

(b) Nil.

(c) Matriculation.

Selection Posts

663. Shri Gadilingana Gowd: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2062 on the 27th April, 1954 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken for the classification of certain posts on the scale of Rs. 150—225 as selection posts;

(b) if so, the posts which have been classified as such; and

(c) whether selection posts are to be filled up by the zonal Railway Administration or by the Railway Board?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A decision has been taken in a few cases where the recommendations have been received and considered. A list of these is attached. [See appendix VII, annexure No. 26]. In other cases the recommendations of the Railway Administrations, after consultation with their recognised unions, are awaited.

(c) By the Railway Administration.

Rail Surveys

664. Mulla Abdullahhai: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the preliminary engineering surveys for Broad and Metre Gauge Railway lines sanctioned by the Railway Board during the year 1954-55 and the details thereof;

(b) the total amount spent on these surveys; and

(c) the names of the railway lines completed so far, or are likely to be completed in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Two surveys have been sanctioned, one for a Broad Gauge line between Madhopur and Kathua and the other for a Metre Gauge line between Ramshai and Binna-guri.

(b) The estimated cost of the two Preliminary Engineering Surveys is Rs. 79,868/-.

(c) A statement of lines completed after the World War II and lines under construction at present is attached. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 27].

Grant of Extension of Service

665. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government employees working at present in his Ministry and offices under his administrative control, after attaining the age of superannuation; and

(b) the number of cases where extensions are proposed to be granted?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Aerodromes in U.P.

666. [Shri M. L. Agrawal: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Uttar Pradesh which have not so far been provided with aerodromes; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide each of these districts with an aerodrome during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) I lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha a statement giving the requisite information. [See Appendix, VII, annexure No. 28].

(b) No, Sir. The Central Government provides Civil Aerodromes only at such places in the country which are considered essential from an all-India Civil Aviation point of view. Aerodromes at places which are considered important from the point of view of local communication purposes, are ordinarily provided by the State Government concerned.