

(e) Final decisions have already been announced in paragraph 43 of the Railway Minister's Budget Speech.

#### PASSENGER AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**281. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed in respect of providing amenities on Railways to the travelling public has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the nature of its recommendations; and

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken for submitting its report?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) to (c). No Committee has been appointed to go into the question of providing amenities to the travelling public on railways and to submit its report.

On each railway, however, a Passenger Amenities Sub-Committee of the Zonal Railway User's Consultative Committee has been constituted. This Sub-Committee meets once each year to scrutinise the suggestions received for the provision of passenger amenities on the railway and makes its recommendations to the General Manager, in regard to the works to be included in the final programme and the order of priority among them, keeping in view the total allotment of funds made to the railway for this purpose.

#### MINOR PORTS

**282. Shri Tulsidas:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the names of the minor ports on the Western Coast in which development schemes have been executed during the First Five-Year Plan period?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No.37.]

#### TUBE WELLS

**283. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:  
Shri Asthana:  
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells which have been out of order on railway stations between Darbhanga and Bairangnia in December, 1955;

(b) how long they have remained unrepaired; and

(c) whether instructions have been given for their repair?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) One of the two tube wells at Bajpatti station.

(b) For about two months from December 1955 to February, 1956.

(c) Yes, Sir; the tube well has since been put in working order.

#### RAILWAY LINE TO CONTAI

**284. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question, No. 1117 on 28th April, 1955 and state whether the proposal to open a new Railway line from Machada (S. E. Railway) Station to Digha via Tamruk and Contai has since been accepted?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** No decision has yet been taken.

#### QUARTERS FOR P. & T. EMPLOYEES

**285. Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the policy followed by Government in the matter of allotment of quarters to officials of different arms of service of the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Allotment of quarters to P. and T. Staff in cities where P. and T. Colonies exist is made on the basis of quotas fixed for the various arms of service in