

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): One Technical Training Centre is functioning in Assam. No new centre has been started during 1954-55 and 1955-56. The number and location of Craftsman Training Centres to be opened during 1956 and 1957 will be decided by the State Government, with the concurrence of the Government of India.

#### Training under Point Four Programme

381. Shri M. K. Maltra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates from different Railways (zone-wise) who have been selected for training abroad under Point Four Programme;

(b) whether any minimum standard of qualifications has been prescribed for such selection and if so, what it is;

(c) whether the selections have been made by any Board or by Departmental Officers; and

(d) whether the advice or help of the Union Public Service Commission was sought at any stage in making these selections?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Four—one each from the Eastern, Southern, Central and Western Railways.

(b) No. The most suitable officials were selected taking into consideration their experience, special aptitude etc.

(c) The selection was made by the Technical Assistance Selection Committee set up by the Planning Committee, from a panel prepared by the Railway Board.

(d) No.

#### Water Supply Schemes in West Bengal

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

(a) the amount granted to West Bengal for Water Supply Schemes for 1956-57;

(b) the amount proposed to be given to West Bengal during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount to be spent for rural Water Supply Schemes out of the total amount under (a) and (b) above?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Rs. 38.50 lakhs will be allocated.

(b) It is proposed to allocate funds for Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes during the Second Five Year Plan on year to year basis and not as a block grant.

(c) Rs. 13.50 lakhs under (a) above.