

### Passenger Amenities Committee

306. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 71 on the 25th March, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the question of amenities for passengers travelling in Third Class have since submitted their findings;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations;

(c) whether the same have been examined by the Railway Board; and

(d) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet. This report is ready but the Committee wish to make some practical observations of the utility of certain amenities under hot weather travel conditions before submitting their report.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

### Public Call Offices (Bihar)

307. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the places where Public Call Offices are proposed to be provided in the Districts of Saharsa, Darbhanga and Purnea of Bihar during 1957-58?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Proposals relating to (1) Bangaon (Saharsa District) and (2) Phulparas (Darbhanga District) are under examination. If found financially justified, they will be sanctioned during this year and further action also taken for the opening of the Public Call Offices.

### Minor Irrigation Works

308. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have been asked to put minor irrigation works also under the Irrigation Department of the State; and

(b) if so, the States that have complied with the request so far?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

### Community Projects and N.E.S. Blocks

309. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to co-ordinate the working of the Community Project Administration, N.E.S. Blocks and the Irrigation Departments of the State Governments so far as irrigation works in respective areas are concerned?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey):** The Ministry of Community Development have been engaged for some time in trying to secure coordination in the working of Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks with the different departments of State Governments including irrigation. Measures for effecting improved coordination were discussed at a conference on Minor Irrigation organised by the Ministry of Community Development on the 5th March. The subject was also discussed at the 6th Development Commissioners Conference at Mussoorie in April 1957. The Conference made the following recommendation:—

"The State Governments are advised to provide essential staff which may be at least one senior irrigation engineer for planning and examining minor schemes of all departments and for direct liaison and contact with Development Commissioner."