

Amritsar Railway Workshop

1166. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota reserved for the period from 1955 to 1958 for scheduled castes and tribes in the Amritsar Railway Workshop has been filled; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken to fill up the reserved quota in the workshop?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, after 1-6-1956 the date of transfer of the Workshop, except in the categories of Basic Tradesmen and Trade Apprentices.

(b) Recruitment of Basic Tradesmen is in hand. Trade Apprentices also are proposed to be recruited.

Minor Irrigation Schemes

1167. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of money given to Orissa for minor irrigation schemes in 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The financial assistance given to the State for Minor Irrigation Schemes in 1957-58 was Rs. 31 lakhs as loan and in 1958-59 a loan of Rs. 41.90 lakhs has been agreed to.

Telephone Lines

1168. **Shri J. B. S. Bist:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the telephone lines in Kumaon Division in U.P.; and

(b) if so, when the telephone line which was to be fixed at Pithoragarh in District Almora will be fixed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.

(b) The work of extending the telephone line for about 33 miles in the section from Tanakpur to Lohaghat is expected to commence shortly. A Public Call Office at Pithoragarh by extending the trunk line for about another 25 miles from Lohaghat to Pithoragarh is likely to be opened during 1959-60 provided the project is found justified.

T.B. Colony at Kingsway Camp, Delhi

1169. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme of setting up a T.B. Colony at the Kingsway Camp Delhi has been postponed and it will not be implemented during the current Plan period; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Administration proposed to set up a T.B. Colony by utilising the accommodation at the Kingsway hutments near the Silver Jubilee T.B. Hospital. These hutments are occupied by the displaced persons and it has not been possible to make alternative arrangements for the occupants. It is not therefore possible to implement the scheme during the current plan period.

Shahganj Junction

1170. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme by which transhipment of goods capacity from Broad Gauge to Metre Gauge is being increased at Shahganj Railway junction on Northern Railway;

(b) how much goods traffic is likely to be diverted from Manduadhik to Shahganj;

(c) how many more goods trains are likely to run each way on the Shah-