

discriminatory practices of foreign Agency houses in favour of foreign repair firms;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government owned shipping Corporations also prefer non-Indian firms for carrying out repairs to the ships, and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No complaint has been received from Indian firms in this regard

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise

Team of Advisers

1883. Shri S. C. Godsora: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a team composed of advisers to the Union Ministry of Community Development visited the State of Bihar and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations submitted by them to the Government?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Yes

(b) A copy of the tour notes of the team and the summary record of their discussions with the officers of the State Government are laid on the Table of the House [placed in the Library See Index No. L T 1135/58]

Hingoli-Khandwa Rail Link

1884. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
Shrimati Parvathi
Krishnan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) when the line between Kanhar-gaon to Shivapur of the Hingoli-Khandwa rail link will be opened for passenger traffic; and

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(b) how many stations on the above section will be interlocked?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The section is expected to be opened by the end of December 1959

(b) All the nine stations in this section will be interlocked to Standard I

New Flag Station

1885. Ch. Ranbir Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation on behalf of the villagers of Bahadurgarh, Sila Kheri, Singhana, Rajhalas Hath, Chhapar and Jaipur of District Sangrur (Punjab) has been received for opening a new flag station between Budha Khera and Safidon station on Panipat—Jind branch line of Northern Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that villagers have offered *shram dan* and necessary cash contribution for construction of the flag station, and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) Yes

(c) The proposal is under detailed investigation.

Railway Siding

1886. Ch. Ranbir Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the cultivators of village Somar Gopalpur and surrounding villages of District Rohtak have requested that a railway siding be provided at Somar Gopalpur station on Delhi-Bhatinda lines to facilitate the transport of sugarcane to the Haryana Sugar Co-operative Factory, Rohtak