

Medicine published in 1959 and total number of Ayurvedic Research units and Pharmaceutical concerns were about 28 and 41 respectively. The information regarding Unani system is not available.

Barsoi Station

1614. { Shri Bholanath Biswas:
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first class waiting room of Barsoi Junction has been improved and second class waiting room separated therefrom;

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to improve the same befitting a junction station; and

(b) the time required to undertake it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Upper class waiting room at Barsoi has been improved. The second class waiting room has not been separated.

(b) and (c). There is no justification for a separate second class waiting room at present. However, the position will be reviewed after the completion of the Broad Gauge line from Siliguri to Mukuria near Barsoi.

Katihar Junction

1615. { Shri Bholanath Biswas:
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Master Plan for Katihar Junction has been prepared;

(b) if so, when it is going to be implemented; and

(c) the time required for completion of the work?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Estimate for the work has been sanctioned.

(c) Expected to be completed within one year of the acceptance of the tender and receipt of materials. Tenders are due to be opened on 16th December, 1960.

Medical Store Depot in Andhra Pradesh

1616. Shri Anthony Pillai: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open a Medical Store Depot in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The Depot is being set up to cater to the needs of Government and Local Government Hospitals and Dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh numbering about two thousand.

The proposal involves an annual capital outlay of nearly Rs. 20 lakhs subject to the recovery from the indentors of the cost of the stores supplied.

The depot, as other Medical Store Depots at Bombay/Madras/Calcutta/Karnal will be run as a departmental undertaking on commercial lines but on the principle of "No profit, no loss".