Senior Doctors of Ajmer Hospital getting less pay than Juniors.

3941. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether on Western Railway the posts of Assistant Surgeons were upgraded and re-designated as Assistant Medical Officers in 1966, giving option to the Doctors to opt for the new grades of A.M.O. either from 1st January, 1966 or from the date of their due increment;
- (b) whether the Doctors who opted from the date of their original increment and who were senior, are getting less pay than those juniors who opted from 1st January, 1966;
- (c) the reasons therefor and reaction of Government thereto; and
- (d) the action taken by Government in the fixation of pay of the Doctors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). Before the Graduate Assistant Surgeons were fitted in the revised scale Rs. 350-900, they were given the opportunity to come on to the revised scale either from I-I-I966 or the date of next or subsequent increment in their pre-rivesed scale under Rule 2019 (F. R. 23) R II as advantagious to them. Option under Rule 2019 (F.R. 23) RII once exercised is final. Having extended the benefit of option under the said rule if by reason of their own option certain individuals get less pay at a later stage, the same cannot be helped.

Installation of Transmission Lines Sanctioned in Orissa by R.E.C.

3942. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGA-TION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many schemes for installation of transmission lines in Ocissa have been

sanctioned so far by the Rural Electrification Corporation and at what cost; and

(b) which are the Districts covered by these schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). The Rural Electrification Corporation have so far sanctioned four schemes of Orissa for installation of special transmission and distribution lines in Bolangir, Kalahandi, Ganjam, Balasore, Cuttack and Mayurbhanj Districts for loan assistance of Rs. 289 or lakhs.

Promotional Quota for Guard 'C' Lucknow Division (Northern Railway)

3943. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH: SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS: be pleased to state;

- (a) the promotional quota for Guard, Gr. 'C' post fixed for each of the categories of Trains Clerks, Ticket Collectors, TTEs, ASMs, Brakesmen, Coaching Clerks and Goods Clerks on the Indian Railways;
- (b) the total number of posts of Guards Gr. 'C' which have fallen vacant in Lucknow Division of Northern Railway during last three years;
- (c) the number of employees of the categories referred to in part (a) above promoted as Guard Gr. 'C' during the period; and
- (d) the reasons for deficiency in any category and remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHR1 (MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a). Subject to complying with a directive from the Railway Board that Trains Clerks should have at least 31% of the vacaneies the quota fixed for various catagories for promotion as Guard Grade 'C' vary from Railway to Railway. Information from-

Railways other than Northern Railway is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha. The Northern ailway have fixed the following quota for this purpose:

- (i) Trains Clerks 31%
- (ii) Commercial staff 20%
- (iii) Yard staff 16-2/3%
- (iv) Brakesmen 10%

The valance is to be filled by direct re-

Assistant Station Masters and Travelling Ticket Examiners are not eligible for promotion as Guard Grade 'C'.

(b) 36.

(c)	Trains Clerks.	 16
	Commercial Staff.	 6
	Yard Staff.	 6
	Brakesmen.	 Nil.

(d) No brakesman could be promoted due to non-availability of suitable candidates. Similarly there was a small deficiency in filling the quota for Commercial staff. The shortfall has been made good by promot on of Trains Clerks.

Construction of Retiring Rooms at Patna City Railway Station

3944. SHRI R. P. YADAV; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State

- (a) whether Retiring Rooms are under construction of Patha City Railway Station and if so, how many rooms and dormitories are under construction; and
- (b) when they are likely to be completed?

 THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
 MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
 MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a)
 Yes. One 2-bed Retiring Room and one
 4-bed Dormitory are under construction.
- (b) The work is expected to be completed within six months.

Arrangements at Patna City Railway Station

3945. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is no Enquiry or Reception provided at Patna City Station and if so, why; and
- (b) whether there is no proper parking space provided for cars, rickshaws and tongas there and if so, why?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) An Enquiry-cum-Reservation office is provided at Patna City station.

(b) Parking space for cars, rickshwas and tongas is available at Parna City station

Improving the condition of Culvert No. 102 Dear Patna City Railway Station

3946. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS by pleased to state:

- (a) whether Culvert No. 102 near West of Patna City Railway Station is in very bad condition in as much as water and mud lie accumulated round the year and the Divisional Office, Danapur, has taken no action to improve it;
- (b) whether the said Culvert No. 102 which is known as "Chhatanki Ka Pul" is being used by thousands of villagers of Chakai, Mandai, Baria, Mircha-Mirchi and t is a main thoroughfare : and
- (c) whether the Railway Administration proposes to make one or two man-holes in the said Culvert, so that water and mud may not accumulate in it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):
(a) The culvert in question is a drainage opening. The bridge structure is in good condition, However, being a drainage opening, the waterway may be wet and muddy for some time after the Rainy season.