

up the agreed assignment fee for the land. No auction has been held in Orissa.

(b) Rs. 2.49 per tonne of salt produced subject to a minimum of 15 tonnes per acre per annum.

(c) The tendered rate is higher than prescribed rate of Re. 1/- per tonne of salt manufactured and issued, which is the normal rate levied for renewal of leases in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) New areas are normally leased on basis of tenders whereas leases of old areas are generally renewed in favour of the existing lessees if their performance was satisfactory. The rates of assignment fee are uniform for such renewals.

CAR ALLOWANCE FOR RAILWAY DOCTORS OWNING CARS

193. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assistant Medical Officers and other Doctors working under Divisional Medical Officers on Northern, Southern and Western Railways, who have cars of their own;

(b) the number of such Assistant Medical Officers and Doctors under them, division-wise, working in Divisional Hospitals on Northern, Southern and Western Railways who are getting car allowances and the number who are not getting car allowances, with reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of Divisional Medical Officers of the Northern, Southern and Western Railways who have cars of their own and are getting car allowances and the number who are not getting such allowances, with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

BHAKRA NANGAL-DELHI DIRECT TRAIN SERVICE

194. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to introduce direct train service between Bhakra Nangal and Delhi is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes.

(b) As and when the requisite coaching stock becomes available.

(c) Does not arise.

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN ORISSA

195. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Stations in Orissa so far electrified;

(b) whether any target date has been fixed to complete electrification of all the Railway Stations in Orissa and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) 104.

(b) No target date has been laid down as electrification of stations is programmed as and when the power supply is available at economical rates.

DRINKING WATER ARRANGEMENT AT RAILWAY STATIONS IN ORISSA

196. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway stations in Orissa where permanent arrange-