

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Yes, Sir. All guards are trained to render first aid. This equipment is for providing alternative arrangements for lighting in case of accidents and it will be ordinary battery fitted to bulbs.

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जिस स्थान पर यह लाइट बाक्स लगाया जायेगा वहाँ क्या ऐसा कोई प्रयत्न किया जायेगा कि एक्सीडेंट होने पर उसको नुकसान न पहुँचे ? अगर खुद उस बाक्स को नुकसान पहुँच गया तो एक्सीडेंट के मौके पर लाइट व अन्य सहायता कैसे पहुँचेगी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : जी हाँ, ऐसा ख्याल रखा गया है। यह बाक्स ब्रैक बेन में रखा जायेगा और लकड़ी के बाक्स के अन्दर ये चीजें रखी जायेंगी।

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, the Deputy Minister just now stated that the guards have been trained. Have they gone through a St. John's Ambulance Course in first aid or have they been trained ad hoc by the railway officers themselves?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It forms part of their training to render first aid to the injured.

OPENING OF AGRICULTURAL CENTRES

*269. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan proposes to open a few agricultural centres in India during the current year; and

(b) if so, how many such centres are to be opened and how they will function?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) and (b) The scheme for the setting up of Agricultural Centres with

the assistance of the Government of Japan, has not yet been finalised.

*270. to *272. [The questioner (Shri Niranjana Singh) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1109-1111 infra.]

PATAHI AERODROME IN NORTH BIHAR

*273. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of quarters attached to Patahi Aerodrome in North Bihar has been completed and whether an aerodrome officer has been posted at the aerodrome; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken to resume air-service between Patna and Muzaffarpur?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Indian Airlines Corporation have no plans to air-link Muzaffarpur with Patna at present.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Is the hon. Minister aware that when the land was made over by the State Government to the Union Government for the purpose of constructing a pucca aerodrome there, it was under the impression or on condition that the air link between Patna and Muzaffarpur would be restored? Is it not a fact that the then Communications Minister, who fortunately happens to be here in this House at the moment, was very enthusiastic about it and what has happened since then to put the matter into cold storage?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I have already said that the Indian Airlines Corporation, after examining the traffic potential between these two stations, have felt that it will not be profitable to run the service.