

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, so far as I can see, it is based upon two tube-wells.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: What is the time-lag between the submission of papers by the State Government to the Central Government and the Central Government's reply to the State Government?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: In May 1957, the Government of Assam submitted the scheme. We examined it and sent it back. Recently, a proposal for a comprehensive scheme, for a bigger scheme of Rs. 25 lakhs, was received. We have sent it back on the 14th April, 1960. We are yet waiting to see how much time-lag will be there.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON THE SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

*176. **SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the authority which is responsible for the supervision and inspection of the educational institutions on the South-Eastern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The schools having been recognised by the respective State Governments, are under the overall supervision of the State Governments, and are inspected by officers of their Education Departments.

SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: May I know, Sir, if these educational institutions are looked after by the Railway Department? It has been seen that in districts the Medical Officers as well as the District Engineers are the higher authorities through whom these institutions are looked after. Is it correct?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The responsibility for education is that of the State Government. In some places where the State Governments do not provide educational institutions, we

run our own schools but most of them are aided by the State Governments. Therefore, the responsibility remains theirs. Their inspectors come and inspect our schools and we abide by all the rules and regulations, curricula and syllabus as determined by them. We do appoint some railway officers as our Controlling Officers to supervise the schools to see that they are properly run.

SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Are the teachers appointed by the State or by the Railways? If they are appointed by the Railways, are they appointed with the approval of the Education Department of the respective State?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: In most of these schools, we appoint our own teachers.

SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: Does the Railway Ministry intend to establish a separate Educational Branch on par with the State Government to look after these institutions?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No. We merely wish to supplement the efforts of the State Governments.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: How many schools, both primary and secondary, are at present being run by the S. E. Railway?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: On the S. E. Railway we have 10 Higher Secondary Schools, 6 Middle Schools, 19 Primary Schools of the conventional type and 62 of the austerity type.

LETTERS FOUND IN A ROADSIDE LANE IN NEW DELHI

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

(a) whether his attention was drawn to the news item published in the local papers some time back to the effect that a bundle of several hundred express delivery letters was found in a roadside lane in New Delhi; and