

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: What is the period when these suggestions are invited and what is the amount of money paid to each man whose suggestions are accepted?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has given you a long list. A long list is attached.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: About the period, Sir, I may say this much that the making or the acceptance of suggestions is a continuous process. From week to week the suggestions made are taken out from the suggestion box, which is kept at a convenient place for this purpose and the committee appointed to review and examine those suggestions meets periodically and examines those suggestions.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वे कौन से सुझाव हैं जिन पर ये इनाम दिये गये हैं?

श्री राज बहादुर : इसका व्योरा विवरण पत्र में मौजूद है।

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RAILWAY EXPERTS TEAM FOR REDUCING, CONGESTION ON RAILWAYS

♦566. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the United States Team of Railway Experts assigned to India under the Technical Co-operation Mission has made interim recommendations to reduce congestion on Railways; and if so, whether an experiment is likely to be made in this behalf between Barauni and Katihar stations of North-Eastern Railway to do away with traffic congestion there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): Yes, the recommendations are under examination.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, what type of congestion is to be removed—whether it is passen-

ger congestion, wagon congestion or goods congestion? And what are the interim recommendations?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: It is for increasing the capacity of the track for goods and passenger traffic. The terms of reference are; engineering studies of measures to increase the line capacity, both on a short-term as well as a long-term basis; survey of rail-cwm-sea shipment of bulk commodities particularly coal; and transportation of iron ore from the Rourkela district of Orissa to the port of Visakhapatnam.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether an Indian team was sent outside India, particularly in Switzerland and other countries to study the congestion problem?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: How does it arise out of this question, Sir?

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: For removal of congestion, an Indian team was sent out and an outside team of experts have come here ...

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: On what dates these recommendations were made and when will the action be taken?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: As a matter of fact, the team itself started the work in April 1956. Some of their recommendations have been received very recently and they are under examination.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: To what extent is the congestion over the normal seating capacity?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is only about Barauni and Katihar stations of North-Eastern Railway.

RAILWAY SALOONS

*567. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: