

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The requisite information has not been received from all State Governments. It will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it becomes available.

(b) A tentative provision of Rs. 4.5 lakhs has been made in the Central Budget for opening family planning clinics in rural areas during 1957-58.

RAILWAY SALOONS

***65. SHRI DEOKI NANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of railway saloons;

(b) who are entitled to use them; and

(c) the travel mileage made in these saloons in the year 1956-57?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) Information is being collected.

(b) Saloons, including tourist cars, owned by the Railways, are used mainly by the President and Vice-President of India, Union Ministers, foreign dignitaries, high Government officials, tourists and the public. A few of them are exclusively used by Governors of States concerned. Some of the saloons are also owned by States and/or Indian Princes and Chiefs.

(c) The information required involves an examination of a number of records throughout the country to get out the mileage of each movement. The process is too cumbersome and in view of this it is doubtful whether it would be worthwhile collecting this information.

CONNECTING OF FATEHABAD WITH BROAD OR METRE GAUGE LINES

***66. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to con-

nect Fatehabad (Hissar District) with broad or metre gauge lines; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and when it is likely to materialize?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ABOLITION OF REGIONAL OFFICE AT MUZAFFARPUR

***67. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to abolish the Regional Office at Muzaffarpur; and if so, what is the reason therefor; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the strong public resentment in North Bihar against the abolition of the said Regional Office?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) Yes. Consequent on the decision to form a new Railway zone with headquarters at Pandu and the resultant division of the N. E. Railway into two smaller units, it would be expedient to administer both these units on a straight district system.

(b) Yes.

PATAHI PUCCA AERODROME OFF MUZAFFARPUR

***68. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary question on Starred Question No. 213 in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 1956 and state when the Patahi Pucca Aerodrome off Muzaffarpur town is expected to be ready for use?