

] also heard a similiar complaint that there is some delay in the booking of luggage and also at the terminus where the luggage is to be handed over. We are making arrangements to have these matters expedited.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact, Sir, that the reclining seat which has been provided is reclining only the head a little, but there is no provision for stretching the legs, which means a lot of difficulty for the passengers who have to sit in that condition for the whole of the night?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The hon. Member may have travelled in an aeroplane, and the seat that has been provided in this tran is much more comfortable than in an aeroplane, and the fare that is paid is the third class fare, which is perhaps the lowest in the world, plus four pies surcharge per mile. I think this is the greatest comfort that the Railways are providing at cheapest cost.

**PROPOSALS MADE BY THE ALL INDIA
CONVENTION OF STATE BOARDS AND
COUNCILS OF INDIAN MEDICINE**

♦187. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON
BEHALF OF MAULANA M.
FARUQI):
Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have recently been received by Government from the All India Convention of State Boards and Councils of Indian Medicine;

(b) if so, what are the main proposals made by the Convention; and

(c) what decision Government have taken on these proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH
(SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA-SEKHAR): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No decision has yet been taken on these proposals which are under consideration of the Government.

STATEMENT

Main proposals made by the All India Convention of State Boards and Councils of Indian Medicine are as follows:—

1. Formulation of a Central Council of Indian Medicine.
2. Setting up of Directorates of Indian Medicine for the Centre and States.
3. Laying down of a uniform syllabus of study for All Ayurvedic and Unani colleges in the country.
4. Framing of a common code of medical ethics for Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners.
5. Extension of facilities in Indian Systems of Medicine for Government servants under the Contributory Health Scheme and Health Insurance Scheme.
6. Establishment of a Central University of Indian Medicine.
7. Establishment of a Central Museum.
8. Opening of Research Institutes for Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine in different parts of the country, and
9. Opening of Post-Graduate Training Centres in each State.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**SHORTAGE OF PRINTED PASSENGER
TICKETS**

*183. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO:
Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of printed passenger tickets was experienced, all over the Railways, or only in certain Railway zones in October 1956; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Shortage of printed passenger tickets was experienced at some stations on Southern, North-Eastern, Central, Western and Northern Railways in October, 1956.

(b) This was mainly due to short supply of card ticket blanks by the suppliers and unexpected increases in the demand for passenger tickets at certain stations.

SWISS EXPERTS EMPLOYED IN THE INTEGRAL COACH FACTORY, PERAMBUR

•188. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Swiss* "experts" employed in the Integral Coach Factory, Perambur; and

(b) their qualifications and present emoluments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 40 at present.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XV, Annexure No. 50.]

TRAINING OF VILLAGE LEVEL WORKERS

102. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what subjects are taught to the village level workers in the training classes; and

(b) what village industries are included in the course of their training?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. Jain): (a) the subjects taught to the Village Level Workers during the course of their training are:

Agriculture (inclusive of animal husbandry, dairying and veterinary science, horticulture, vegetable farming, plant protection, climatology and

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agricultural engineering); Rural Extension Service; health, hygiene and sanitation; social science and adult education; civics; Gram Pan-chayats; co-operation and village industries.

(b) The village industries included in the syllabus of each Extension Training Centre vary according to the local conditions and the availability of the raw material required for the purpose. Some of the important village industries taught to the trainees are spinning and weaving; mat-weaving; bee-keeping; poultry farming; tanning; soap-making; rope-making; gur-mak-ing; working of oil ghanies and preservation of fruit and vegetables.

VENDING CONTRACTORS ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS

103. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of vending contractors on railway platforms at present; and

(b) out of these contractors, how many are refugees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 5,291. (b) 887.

चीन से वापसी पर श्री पी० एन० थापर का प्रारम्भिक प्रतिवेदन

१०४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय के सचिव, श्री पी० एन० थापर ने चीन देश के कृषि संबंधी, अपने अनुभवों का प्रारम्भिक प्रतिवेदन सरकार के सामने प्रस्तुत कर दिया है, यदि हां, तो सरकार उस पर क्या कार्यवाही करना चाहती है ; और

(ख) क्या यह प्रतिवेदन राज्य सरकारों के पास भेज दिया गया है ; यदि हां, तो उनकी प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?