

और कम्पनियों से टेंडर ले कर के लोएस्ट टेंडर की बुनियाद पर यह आर्डर दिया गया था या बिना टेंडर मंगाए हुए यह आर्डर दिया गया ? किस बुनियाद के ऊपर यह आर्डर दिया गया ?]

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: As per ordinary procedure, all that should have been observed by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals. That is what I meant.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

♦11. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to paragraph 24 on page 26 of the Activities of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department for 1955-56 and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to open any new Regional Training Centres for the training of engineering personnel by the Department; if so, how many;

(b) where and when they are going to be opened; and

(c) the number of engineering personnel these new centres are expected to train per year?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Two more Regional Centres are proposed to be opened.

(b) Opening of a Centre at Deolali or Nasik and another at Rachi is under consideration. These Centres are expected to be opened during the latter half of 1956-57.

(c) Each Centre will train approximately 200 candidates per year.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether, after the opening of these two Centres, the entire requirements of the Department will be met completely?

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SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I do not think so; we will require many more centres to be opened as our system grows.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will our requirements be met immediately or at a distant time?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: At a distant time; however by and large, we will be able to meet our present requirements from these two Centres for the Eastern and Western Zones.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What about the Central Zone?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We have got a big Training Centre at Jabalpur, as the hon. Member is aware.

WINDING UP OF THE BENGAL PROVINCIAL RAILWAY AND SUSPENSION OF SOME TRAIN SERVICES

*12. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed winding up of the Bengal Provincial Railway Company and the reduction in the number of train services that were formerly being run by that Company.

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide the area served by that Railway Company with suitable means of communication when that Railway Company is finally wound up; and

(c) whether the Government are taking any steps in response to the appeal made to them by the Light Railwaymen's Union to intervene in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes; it is understood that the Bengal Provincial Railway was closed down for traffic on 20th March 1956.

(b) The State Government of West Bengal will no doubt consider this