

it to the notice of the Government and we shall take suitable action.

SHRI B. RATH : May I know if it is a fact that the box boys refuse to carry the private boxes of Indian firemen ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I have already replied, Sir.

#### RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

\*268. SHRI B. RATH : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of railway employees, who reside at the Railway Stations of Tatanagar, Chakradharpur and Jharsuguda ;

(b) the total number of railway employees, who reside within the area served by the railway hospitals situated at the above places ; and

(c) what was the grant made for the purchase of medicines and for diet of indoor patients in the above mentioned hospitals ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR  
RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT  
(SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) :

(a) At Tatanagar . . .	3,303
At Chakradharpur . . .	3,496
At Jharsuguda . . .	1,120

(b) 3,552 are served by Tatanagar Railway Dispensary. 4,613 are served by Chakardharpur Railway Hospital. 2,861 are served by Jharsugud Railway Dispensary.

(c) The approximate annual expenditure incurred for purchase of medicines exclusive of special drugs, x-ray, diet etc. is as follows :—

Tatanagar . . .	Rs. 3,000
Chakradharpur . . .	Rs. 3,600
Jharsuguda . . .	Rs. 1,200

The approximate annual cost of diet for indoor patients at the Chakra-dharpur Railway Hospital is Rs. 2,000.

There is no arrangement for treating indoor patients at Tatanagar and Jharsuguda.

SHRI B. RATH : Do not the figures of railway employees under (a) include the families of railway employees ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The hon. Member asked for figures of railway employees, and I think the figures refer to them only.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that the amounts given to these dispensaries and hospitals are not sufficient to meet the requirements of railway employees and the families who remain with them ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Our present information is that we have got sufficient stocks of drugs and they are enough.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that the average amount that is being allotted is Re. 1 per head per year ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : May be.

SHRI B. RATH : In some cases even less.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : May be.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that most of the cases at Tatanagar and other places are malaria cases ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : May be also.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : Are the railway employees being supplied with all the medicines prescribed by the doctors or have they to buy from the bazar also ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : When they are not available, perhaps they may have to buy from the bazaar also just as in the case of any other hospital.