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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CERTAIN RAILWAY CONTRACTORS AT BHARATPUR STATION

*266. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry was made into certain charges made by one Shri Babulal Gupta against certain Railway contractors of Bharatpur Station ;

(b) if so, who was the official deputed for making the enquiry and whether he has completed his enquiry and submitted his report ;

(c) whether Government will place a copy of the report on the Table of the Council ; and

(d) what action Government propose to take on the report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Some time back a letter from Shri Babulal Gupta, containing allegations against Railway Officials, and a Railway catering contractor at Bharatpur station, was forwarded to the Minister for Railways by Shri Indra Vachaspati, M.P.

(b), (c) and (d). On another complaint against the catering contractor to the General Manager, Western Railway, special enquiries have been instituted by the Western Railway and suitable action will be taken on completion of these enquiries.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : May I know, Sir, who was the official who conducted this enquiry ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The enquiry is going on still, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Who are the people who are conducting the enquiry ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The officers of the Western Railway. I do not know their names.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Government see that some officials who are not in the Railway (i.e. in the Western Railway) are deputed to conduct the enquiry, so that there may not be any hush up business ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I do not think it is necessary, Sir.

BOX BOYS IN THE SERVICE OF RAILWAYS

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

(a) whether box boys have been provided for carrying the tool boxes and kits of anglo-Indian drivers and firemen to and from the engines before and after duty of those drivers and firemen ; and

(b) what is the scale of pay of these box boys ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) The practice is not uniform at all places and depends on the circumstances at each place. Generally box boys are provided for carrying the private boxes of drivers and firemen between running sheds running rooms. Where these arrangements exist they are available to the staff without distinction as between communities.

(b) The scale of pay of the Box Boys is Rs. 30— $\frac{1}{2}$ —35.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that box boys have been provided at Tatanagar to carry the private boxes and kits of Anglo-Indian drivers and firemen but not of Indian firemen ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Sir, wherever these box boys are employed, they serve the drivers and firemen without any distinction of community. I have clearly stated that in my reply. If the hon. Member has got any particular instance in his mind, he can bring

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.