

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

\*269. SHRI B. RATH : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Oriya Railway employees at Kharagpur Railway junction ;

(b) how many primary schools are there at Kharagpur to impart education in Oriya language ; and

(c) how many Oriya teachers are there in the secondary school at that place for teaching through the medium of Oriya ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT : (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) This information is not readily available.

(b) No primary school at Kharagpur imparts education with Oriya as the medium of instructions. The medium of instructions is Bengali and Hindi in the Primary Schools and Bengali, Hindi and Urdu in the Secondary Schools.

(c) There are no Oriya Teachers in the Secondary Schools for teaching through the medium of Oriya.

SHRI B. RATH : May I know whether the number of Oriya employees at Kharagpur exceeds 5,000 ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The information is not readily available now.

SHRI B. RATH : If it is not readily available, can that be obtained later on ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The information can be got and given to the hon. Member.

SHRI B. RATH : What arrangements have the Government made for imparting education to the children of different linguistic groups who are living in Kharagpur, or are they all expected to read in Bengali and Hindi ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : Arrangements will be made for Oriya children if they are sufficient in number. As the hon. Member seems to be aware that the number is large, we will immediately appoint a teacher who will be able to teach in the Oriya language.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it not a fact that after getting refusal from the railway authorities the Oriya employees had to start a private institution and to appoint private teachers to teach their children ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : We know that a private institution has already been started and we are prepared to give sufficient aid to it.

SHRI B. RATH : What steps have been taken by the railway authorities to establish institutions to give education to students in their own languages ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : The schools are already there, and if the number of boys are adequate, we will provide for teachers.

SHRI B. RATH : What steps have been taken to find out the number of students who are there and to give them education in the different languages ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I have already replied to that question.

## RAJA-KI-MANDI RAILWAY STATION

\*269-A. SHRI J. R. KAPOOR : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the present Raja-ki-Mandi Station to another site nearby ; and

(b) if so, whether the project will be included in the works programme for 1953-54 ?