

conditions which slow down movement and affect the turn round of wagons. This year this drop in May is of the order of 213 wagons compared to 175 last year. It could have been less but for the Hooghly pilots' strike which apart from causing a hold up of wagons in the port also necessitated the diversion of a large fleet of wagons for the carriage of coal to Southern and Western India by the all rail route over many times the distance required to be covered by wagons by the normal rail-cum-sea transport to those areas.

Automatic Time Indicators at Telephone Exchanges

*1414. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automatic time indicators are being provided in the telephone exchange offices;

(b) if so, the number of places where the time indicators have been provided so far; and

(c) whether the working of indicators has been found successful?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) Trunk Timing Indicators have so far been provided in the following six exchanges:

Allahabad
Bombay
Calcutta
Coimbatore
Madras
Nagpur.

(c) Yes.

Sailings Between Madras and Rangoon

*1417. **Shri Koya:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not resuming the direct sailings between Madras and Rangoon which were suspended in 1955;

(b) why this service which was in existence for about a century had been suspended;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of people who go to Burma from the South have to endure serious handicaps and hardships because of their having to go through Calcutta; and

(d) whether Government propose to resume the Madras-Rangoon Service?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Bombay who were running a service between Madras and Rangoon in the fair season have closed it from 1961 as according to them it is not economically feasible to maintain the service.

(c) No representation in this regard has been received by Government but in the absence of a direct service between Madras and Rangoon travel to Burma by way of Calcutta is inevitable.

(d) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government.

Ganga Region Flood Control Seminar

*1418. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga region flood control seminar was held at Nainital recently;

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagwan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Seminar was organised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh whose report embodying the recommendations of the Seminar is awaited.

(c) Does not arise.

पोस्टल सोल्ड इंडस्ट्रियल को-आपरेटिव सोसायटी लिमिटेड, अलीगढ़

*१४२५. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पोस्टल सील्स इंडस्ट्रियल को-आपरेटिव सोसायटी लिमिटेड, अलीगढ़ के कुछ सदस्यों ने आमरण अनशन आरम्भ कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आमरण अनशन करने वाले सदस्यों की क्या मांगें हैं; और

(ग) इन मांगों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) से (ग). सभा पटल पर एक विवरण रखा जाता है ।

विवरण

(क) जी हां, पोस्टल सील्स इंडस्ट्रियल को-आपरेटिव सोसायटी के पांच सदस्य २८ मई, १९६२ से ६ जून, १९६२ तक भूखहड़ताल पर थे ।

(ख) (i) सोसायटी के प्रेसीडेंट की बर्खास्तगी ।

(ii) निर्वाचित प्रेसीडेंट की व्यवस्था करने के लिये सोसायटी के विधान में संशोधन ।

(iii) तैयार माल स्वीकार किया जाना चाहिये ।

(iv) सरकार को अपनी आवश्यकता की तमाम मोहर और मुद्रायें आदि केवल सोसायटी से ही खरीदनी चाहियें ।

(v) अदायगी महीने की किसी निश्चित तारीख को होनी चाहिये ।

(ग) डाक-तार विभाग का संबंध मद (iii) से (v) तक की मांगों से है । तैयार माल यदि वह अपेक्षित स्तर का है तो उसे स्वीकार किया जा रहा है । चूकि सोसायटी डाक-तार विभाग की सभी मांगों को पूरा करने के लिये माल तैयार करने में असमर्थ है और पिछली मांगों का बहुत सा काम भी अभी पूरा नहीं हो पाया है अतः मोहरों और मुद्राओं को बनवाने के लिये दूसरे जरिये ढूँढ़े जा रहे हैं । ३० मई, १९६२ तक स्वीकार किए गए माल के सम्बन्ध में अदायगी की जा चुकी है ।

Port Trusts

*1427. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ports of Vishakapatnam, Cochin and Kandla are to have Port Trusts on the lines of those in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision is that a bill should be introduced as soon as possible in the Parliament. The provisions of the bill will follow generally the provisions of the Port Trust Acts applicable to the ports of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras.

Rail Museum in Delhi

*1429. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to have a rail museum in Delhi shortly; and

(b) if so, the purposes likely to be served by the same?