

thus far only Dakotas have landed. No military or other stores have been transported to the Jammu & Kashmir State in Russian aircraft. There is no secret agreement in regard to the use of air bases there.

Thus the allegations made in the reply of the Foreign Minister of Pakistan in the Pakistan National Assembly are completely without foundation.

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: As the United Nations General Assembly is due to meet shortly, it is possible that Pakistan intensifies further the false propaganda against India among the delegates there. What steps are contemplated by the Government to counter such propaganda and to disabuse the minds of the delegates of any wrong impression that might have been created about India by this false propaganda by Pakistan?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I just ventured to say in answer to another question that though virtue triumphs in the end, it is difficult to catch up with vice.

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: Is it not the view of the Government that all this propaganda is put up to camouflage Pakistan's intransigence in not vacating the aggression, to nullify the effect of the Jarring Report, and to cloud the Kashmir issue by raising the Russian scare?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The hon. Member has put the question and answered it.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government have any information that Pakistan has allowed the construction of military bases in that part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the occupation of Pakistan and that foreign aeroplanes are touching those bases?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That is our information, Sir.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether these "flights of fancy and imagination" pointed out by the Prime Minister were adopted by Pakistan to justify their association with the

United States of America—the military alliance?

Mr. Speaker: Is he not, like Mr. Ramaswami, putting and answering the question?

Shri Hem Barua: I want to know.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member might draw any conclusion as to the motive of the Pakistan Government in this matter.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: We want to hear from the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: You can raise it.

Shri Radhe Lal Vyas: May I know whether it is a fact that a few days back some Pakistani planes were seen flying over the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I read something about it in the newspapers. I am not prepared to say definitely what took place

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether Government's attention has been drawn to another allegation made by the Pakistan Foreign Minister on the same day that India has been converted into a Russian base and, if so, whether the Government propose to tell the Pakistan Foreign Minister the truth of it?

Mr. Speaker: That is a different question altogether.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: As was stated by one of the hon. Members, evidently the Foreign Minister of Pakistan is suffering from a disturbed conscience.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Engine failure of Grand Trunk Express

*1159. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Kodyan:
Shri Heda:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 13th June, 1957 the engine of G.T. Express failed

when the train was half-way through the 900 yard long tunnel between Malangir and Dharuka; and

(b) if so, whether, as a result of choking by smoke and steam, the driver and the firemen of the back engine were found unconscious?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) No. But 18 Dn. South-bound G.T. Express, while passing through tunnel No. 5 situated between Dharakhoh and Maramjhiri Stations on 13-6-57 was brought to a halt with the rear five bogies and the banking engine standing inside the tunnel due to the alarm chain having been pulled by one of the passengers in the rear bogie of the train.

(b) The fireman of the banking engine became unconscious and the driver of banking engine was in a semi-conscious state due to the dense smoke from the banking engine.

Patna Aerodrome

*1161. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the modernisation and expansion scheme of the Patna aerodrome;

(b) whether it is a fact that some time back Government decided to expand the capacity of the aerodrome in Patna, so that bigger planes may be able to land there;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in near future to expedite the expansion programme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The present aerodrome is the property of the State Government and no development works can, therefore, be undertaken by the Civil Aviation Department until it has been transferred to that department.

(b) to (d). Due to its close proximity to the town, it is not technically possible to extend the existing aerodrome at Patna for taking in aircraft bigger than Dakotas which require longer runs for taking off and landing.

Wireless Signalling Apparatus

*1163. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to use the wireless signalling apparatus in every train to avoid accidents; and

(b) whether these machines are being manufactured in Bharat Electronics, Bangalore?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन

*११६४. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन द्वारा विदेशों से खरीदी गई मशीनरी को प्रयोग में लाये बिना ही बेच दिया गया ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उस मशीनरी का ध्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यह क्यों मगवाई गई थी ?

साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री स० प्र० जैन) : (क) से (ग) . सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है ।
(देखिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या ६५)

Indebtedness of Railway Employees

*1167. **Shri Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average annual percentage of the clerical staff of the South-Eastern Railway who take