

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

loans either from the Co-operative Society or from the Provident Fund Account;

(b) whether the tendency of getting loans from all avenues available is increasing gradually in the middle class employees of Railway in general; and

(c) if so, why?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) The average annual percentage of the clerical staff who take loans from the co-operative Societies is 41.59 and that of those who take loans from the Provident Fund Account is 25.2.

(b) No such trend is in evidence.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Erosion by River Ichhamati

\*1168. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special engineer deputed to study the erosion by river Ichhamati to Taki Town has submitted his report; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 96].

#### Water-Supply and Sanitation Schemes

\*1170. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount granted for safe water supply in the Community Project and National Extension areas during the First Five Year Plan period under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Scheme have been fully expanded;

(b) if so, the number of wells and tanks constructed in each State at the end of the First Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if not, the amount not spent by each State?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### Retired Railway Drivers

\*1172. **Shri E. C. Majhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired drivers Grade 'C' have been re-employed in the same grade in the South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, their number and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any representation has been received from Loco Running Staff regarding this?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Eight persons have been re-employed to avoid dislocation of train services owing to shortage of staff.

(c) No.

#### गाड़ियों में साबान बेचने वाले

\*११७४. श्री मल्लपति राव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि बर्दवान और मुगलसराय के बीच यात्री गाड़ियों में शीशे भयवा कंधियां बेचने वाले व्यक्ति डाके डालते हैं और यात्रियों से जबर्दस्ती रुपया छीन लेते हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि गत कुछ मास से यह प्रवृत्ति बढ़ती जा रही है और कई यात्रियों से उन का रुपया छोन लिया गया है; और