

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to stop the irregularity?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There has been some deterioration lately in the performance of suburban trains between Bombay and Kalyan.

(b) (i) Vacuum destroyed.

(ii) Alarm chain pulling.

(iii) signal defects.

(iv) Unit defects.

(c) Yes.

Deccan Queen

*223 { Shri Assar:
Shri Naushir Bharucha:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the train Deccan Queen between Bombay and Poona is running at a loss on account of having only first class compartments;

(b) whether Government propose to attach second and third class compartments to this train;

(c) whether any representations have also been received from the public suggesting attachment of at least one third class coach to it, for passengers holding season tickets between Bombay and Poona; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) The question of attaching third class coaches to this train is being considered.

(c) Yes.

(d) Reply covered by part (b).

Sea Erosion around Bombay City

*247. **Shri Naushir Bharucha:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission has examined the peculiar behaviour of Arabian Sea in regard to its scouring and erosion activities around Bombay City, particularly damage caused by sea to Versova Mahim Causeway and Marine Drive;

(b) if so, what are the conclusions reached by the Commission;

(c) whether there is any danger of the scouring activities of the sea assuming greater proportions; and

(d) whether any steps can be taken to remedy the position?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 100].

Bombay Suburban Trains

*264. **Shri Naushir Bharucha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of punctuality of arrival and departure of trains on the Western and Central Railways on Bombay suburban sections;

(b) whether it is a fact that late arrival of trains due to frequent breakdowns is a daily occurrence on these local trains; and

(c) the causes of frequent breakdowns and the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure 101].

(b) No.

(c) The causes of occasional breakdown and steps proposed to be taken to eliminate same are shown in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha.