

was a bullish tendency. Now it is erratic.

शेठ मचल सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि लाखीं मन तल वेस्ट बंगाल से ईस्ट पाकिस्तान को स्मगल हो रहा है ।

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have no information about smuggling. But there is a little smuggling of everything in the border and action is being taken in the matter.

Alarm Chain

*612. **Shri B. Das Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the alarm-chain apparatus on up Howrah-Adra-Chakradaharpur passenger train on the South-Eastern Railway has been blanked off from the 20th July, 1957 by the Railway authorities;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative arrangement for emergency has been made in this long-distance running train?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes

(b) The frequent pulling of the alarm chain and the consequent detention to the train, causing serious inconvenience to passengers and repercussion on the running of other train as well.

(c) The vacuum brake remains operative on the train engine, in the Guard's brake van and in compartments set part for ladies. Also the guards and the engine crew have instructions to be specially vigilant and to stop the train when so required.

Shri B. Das Gupta: May I know in how many long-distance trains, not local, has the alarm chain apparatus been blanked off?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The hon. Member put the question in respect of only one train. I shall require a separate notice for this.

Shri Supakar: May I know whether this is the only train in which the alarm chain apparatus has been blanked off?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No. There are several others.

Railway Protection Force

*613. **Dr. Samantsinhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force has been established in the South Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, the date of its establishment; and

(c) the name of its headquarters?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes

(b) It was established on the 1st August 1955, when the South Eastern Railway was formed.

(c) Calcutta.

Delhi Ahmedabad Air Service

*614. **Shri K. U. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from businessmen and industrialists of Ahmedabad for Air Service from Ahmedabad to Delhi and vice versa;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a bi-weekly Air Service from Ahmedabad to Delhi and vice versa in the near future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Certain representations had been received against the curtailment of the Delhi-Jaipur-Jodhpur-Ahmedabad-Rajkot air service beyond Jaipur with effect from 14th April, 1957 and replies had been given that the curtailment was necessitated by the poor traffic on the route.