

के स्तर को ऊंचा करने के प्रस्ताव सक्रिय रूप से विचाराधीन हैं। इसके प्रतिरिक्त कुछ सामयिक डाकघरों को पूरे साल काम करने वाले डाकघरों में परिवर्तित करने की संभावना भी है। डाक-वितरण प्रणाली में भी कुछ प्रस्तावित संशोधन किए जायेंगे।

चमोली और पथौरागढ़ में तार तथा टेलीफोन सुविधाएं पहले से ही उपलब्ध हैं। उत्तरकाशी में एक सामयिक बेतार-केन्द्र वर्ष में ६ महीने कार्य करता है। टेलीफोन तथा तार-लाइनें सुलभ कराने की योजना के परीक्षण भी किये जा रहे हैं।

नौ उप-मण्डलीय कस्बों में से दो स्थानों—जोशीमठ और कर्णप्रयाग में तार व टेलीफोन सुविधाएं मौजूद हैं। शेष स्थानों के लिए प्रस्तावों की जांच की जा रही है।

#### Hassan-Mangalore Rail Link

\*1847-A. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the statement made by the Minister of Finance, Mysore State, in the Legislative Assembly on the 8th April, 1960 that a decision in respect of the construction of the Hassan-Mangalore rail link has been taken;

(b) if so, when the construction is likely to commence; and

(c) whether any amount will be allotted during 1960-61?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). Yes Sir; Govt. have seen press reports of the statement. However, no decision has yet been taken in regard to the construction of this line.

#### Air Fare Concession for Students

\*1848. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Indian Airlines Corporation to encourage air travel; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to give students concession at half of the single fare for travelling to their homes and other places of artistic and educational importance?

**The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) and (b). I lay a statement on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Some of the important steps taken by the Indian Airlines Corporation to encourage air travel are:—

- (i) Introduction of better and faster aircraft on trunk routes, viz., Viscount and Skymaster.
  - (ii) Offering concessions for return journey on sectors having lean traffic potential.
  - (iii) Giving circle-trip rebates for journeys starting and terminating at the same point without break.
  - (iv) Providing connections wherever possible, particularly at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras between the trunk services and regional operations.
  - (v) Linking up hill-stations on its net-work with a view to developing home tourism.
  - (vi) Improving Passengers' amenities—hot meals on trunk routes, expeditious confirmation of onward reservations by use of teleprinter channels and W.T. facilities.
  - (vii) Providing charters for special groups and parties.
  - (viii) Encouraging movement of freight by air by offering bulk, commodity and special rates etc.
- (b) No. Sir.