

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the facts has already been made in the House yesterday.

(c) No, as the case has already been enquired into by the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Lucknow.

Dislocation of Train Services during September, 1961

- *110. { **Shri P. G. Deb:**
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
Shri M. B. Thakore:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Pahadia:
Dr. Samantsinhar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether train services were dislocated in September, 1961 on Itarsi-Bhusaval and Itarsi-Nagpur sections;

(b) if so, how many trains were cancelled from different stations; and

(c) the arrangements made for alternative travel for the passengers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fifteen trains were cancelled including one short of destination. Ten Mails and Expresses were terminated at convenient junction stations short of the sections on which breaches had occurred and worked back as corresponding Up/Down trains.

62 Passenger trains were cancelled on the affected sections, these services being run as regular services on the rest of their scheduled runs.

(c) Long distance trains between Delhi and Madras, Delhi and Bombay and between Bombay and Howrah (via Allahabad) which were not cancelled were diverted via alternative routes as available. On two occasions, viz. on 16th September, 1961 and 19th September, 1961 combined duplicate

Grand Trunk Express and Janta Express trains were run from Nagpur to Madras.

Hirakud Reservoir

*111. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was made in respect of the flood-controlling capacity of the Hirakud Reservoir;

(b) if so, what is the finding of this Enquiry; and

(c) what steps have been suggested to provide the 40-foot flood cushion as designed originally for the Reservoir?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). The matter is being examined by a Committee set up by the Government of Orissa, of which a Chief Engineer of the Central Water and Power Commission is a member. The Committee has not yet submitted its final report.

Delhi-Ambala Train Derailment

- *112. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Gangmen were arrested in Ambala on the 27th September, 1961 in connection with a derailment; and

(b) if so what are the facts of the Delhi-Ambala train derailment?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There was no derailment. However, two gangmen were arrested on 28th September, 1961 by the Police in connection with placing of an obstruction on the rail track.

(b) Does not arise.