

**Trains on Siliguri-Lucknow Section**

\*701. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the number of times the Siliguri-Lucknow Mail train failed to arrive at Lucknow in time since the new time table came into force from the 1st April, 1957, and

(b) the number of local trains, which have been introduced since that date on this route to avoid rush of passengers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) During the period from 1-4-57 to 15-5-57 No 301 Up Avadh Tirhut Mail running between Siliguri and Kanpur—Anwarganj arrived late at Lucknow on 28 occasions

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha

[See Appendix III, annexure No 102]

**Shri Amjad Ali:** There is a patent mistake in the answer to the first part of the question. On the first of April no time table had come into force in the North-Eastern Railway. The Railway Ministry should have looked into that. Is the hon Minister in a position to give the break up of the figures.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not quite follow the hon Member

**Shri Amjad Ali:** I want to break-up of the figures from the 1st of April 1957

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Break-up of what figures?

**Some Hon. Members:** Of unpunctuality figures

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the number of times it came late?

The Minister of Railways (**Shri Jagjivan Ram**): We would require notice

**National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme**

\*702. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) the places where two pilot projects for environmental sanitation as an approved scheme under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme have been established,

(b) the results thereof, and

(c) whether some more schemes are proposed to be taken up in the near future?

The Minister of Health (**Shri Karmarkar**): (a) One of the two environmental Sanitation Projects sponsored by the WHO has been established in Kerala State. The other Project earmarked for Delhi has not yet been started

(b) The Kerala Project is still in the initial stage and it is too early to assess the results

(c) Yes

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** From the report I find that another environmental sanitation centre has been established in Travancore-Cochin and States undesignated and they would be four in number (page 68 of the report supplied to us). May I know whether those schemes are also included in the Five Year projects?

**Shri Karmarkar:** So far as Kerala is concerned—and that includes Travancore-Cochin of the old days—there is one centre and the State Government is trying to do its share. That is one centre proposed

**Hyderabad Railway Bridges Inspection Committee**

12 00 hrs.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is a request from **Shri T B Vittal Rao** that Question No 743, which has not been reached today, relates to an important matter, according to him, namely, about the Hyderabad Railway Bridges Inspection Committee, and may be answered

Is the hon Minister willing to answer it? I leave it to him

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): Yes, Sir.

\*742. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations in the report of the Experts Committee appointed to examine the railway bridge in Secunderabad Division, Central Railway,

(b) whether the Railway Administration is going to initiate action on any of them before the setting in of monsoon, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to watch the railway bridges during the rainy season?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** (a) and (b) It has already been stated in my reply to Starred Question No 180 given on 20-5-57 that the report was received on 11-5-57 and the same is under consideration. There has been no material change since then.

(c) Necessary steps will be taken according to the instructions already issued on the subject.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** The question asks, "What are the main recommendations in the report of the Experts Committee?"

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I have just stated that the matter is under consideration, and after we have considered it we will be able to give it out.

**Mr. Speaker:** After consideration they will place it.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Am I to understand that the report of the Committee will not be placed unless and until it has been examined by the Railway Board?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is the usual course—unless it is examined by Government.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** This is a technical report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Whatever it is.

### Short Notice Questions and Answers Infectious Diseases Hospital in Delhi

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S.N.Q. No. 11. { **Shri V. P. Nayar:**  
**Shri Easwara Iyer:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a report in the Times of India (Delhi) of the 28th May, 1957 regarding the state of affairs of the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Delhi, and

(b) what immediate steps, if any, Government propose to take in order to minimise the hardships to patients and risk to public health in the Capital?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Yes

(b) The Delhi Administration has already taken up the laying of a 8" main for the improvement of the water supply to hospital. The question of increasing the accommodation and strengthening the medical and ancillary staff of the hospital is also under the consideration of the Delhi Administration.

I would like to add, Sir, that the following steps are contemplated to be taken or under the consideration of the Delhi Administration.

(1) An increase in the strength of the medical and ancillary staff is under consideration,

(2) Provision of extra filtered water supply—by means of the six inch main to which I referred,

(3) Provision of another sewage tank for better disposal of sewage is, again, under the consideration of the C P W D.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** It is reported that patients suffering from tuberculosis are being treated in the verandahs. This, naturally, will involve grave risk to public health. May I know whether Government have made any