

**दिल्ली (मुम्बई) स्टेशन**

\*१४३४. डा० राज सुभष सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि समाज-विरोधी तत्वों के घातकवादी कार्य दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर इन दिनों बढ़ते जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन कार्यों को रोकने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

रेलवे डायरेक्टर (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर समाजविरोधी लोगों (unsocial elements) की घातक फैलाने वाली कार्रवाइयों (terroristic activities) की जो बात कही गयी है, उसका जवाब 'नहीं' में है। लेकिन इस तरह की कुछ शिकायतें आयी थी कि बिना लाइसेंस वाले भारिक (कंगले) मुसाफिरों का सामान डोने के बहाने दिल्ली स्टेशन पर आते हैं और चोरी करते हैं।

(ख) कंगलों का उत्पात (nuisance) रोकने के लिए सख्त कार्रवाइयों की गयीं और इसे खत्म करने के लिए बड़ी तादाद में पुलिस और रेलवे सुरक्षा दल (Railway Protection Force) के घादमी लगाये गये। उन्होंने सैफ़ों कंगलों को गिरफ्तार किया। उन पर मुकदमे चलाये गये और उन्हें सजा दिलायी गयी। इस मसले को कारगर तौर पर हल करने के लिए दिल्ली स्टेशन पर इस समय पंजाब पुलिस का एक स्पेशल दस्ता रिजर्व में रखा गया है और उसकी मदद के लिए रेलवे सुरक्षा दल के काफी घादमी भी तैनात कर दिये गये हैं। इन कार्रवाइयों का नतीजा यह है कि हालत बहुत कुछ काबू में है।

**Andaman Forests**

\*1435. **Shrimati Bena Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether ample timber suitable for making railway sleepers is available in the Andamans; and

(b) if so, whether any attempt has been made to set up a factory to this end?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) There are already two Saw-mills in Andamans handling about 32,000 tons a year. Apart from improving their working, there is also a proposal to have another Sawmill in North Andamans which is being pursued.

**Push Button Telegraph Machine**

\*1436. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Push Button Telegraph machine was installed in Bombay C.T.O. recently.

(b) how many centres in the country have so far been connected or proposed to be connected with the help of this machine; and

(c) what expenditure was incurred for purchasing this machine?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 15 Stations in the country have so far been connected to the exchange at Bombay.

(c) The cost of complete installation of the equipment at Bombay is Rs. 17 lakhs.

**High Level Flood Committee**

\*1437. **Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Level Flood Investigation Committee appointed by

the Central Government visited West Bengal some time back;

(b) whether the Committee will investigate the causes of the floods in the Mayurakshi basin in September 1956;

(c) whether the Committee has obtained a copy of the Report of the Expert Committee appointed by the West Bengal Government to enquire into the causes of the said floods for their consideration; and

(d) whether the attention of the Ministry has been drawn to the special features of these floods and whether steps have been taken to obtain the findings and recommendations of the High Level Flood Investigation Committee in this regard at an early date?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (d). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV annexure No. 32.]

#### Inland Water Transport in Andhra

\*1438. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken so far for the development of inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the network of canals linking up the various rivers in the State; and

(c) the amount set apart for this purpose in the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) The Government of India sanctioned a grant to the Andhra Pradesh Government for technical investigations relating to the development of the Buckingham Canal. The estimates submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government after the investigations are at present under examination by

the high-level Committee on Inland Water Transport set up under the chairmanship of Shri B. K. Gokhale. This Committee is also studying the position regarding other waterways in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The existing canals linking the rivers in Andhra Pradesh are the following:—

The Kakinada Canal	..	32 miles.
The Godavari Canal	..	46 miles.
The Ellore Canal	..	40 miles.
The Krishna Western Delta Main Canal	..	12 miles.
The Commamur Canal	..	58 miles.
The Buckingham Canal (up to Madras boundary)		160 miles.

(c) A lump sum provision of Rs. 115 lakhs has been included in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of the Buckingham Canal. This covers the entire length of the canal in Andhra Pradesh and 36 miles in Madras State.

लम्बा सफर करने वाले यात्रियों के लिये सुविधाएँ

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श्री राम शंकर लाल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि लम्बा सफर करने वाले यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिये उन्हें रेल गाड़ियों के डिब्बों में झूलग बैठाने की जो नई योजना है उसका व्योरा क्या है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : एक बयान मन्ना-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [रेल्वे परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या ३३]

#### Road Bridges on National Highway No. 5

\*1440. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 559 on the 31st May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any estimates have been prepared for the bridges on Na-