

Co-operative Development

*688. **Shrimati A. Kale:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan of Co-operative Development on the Railways has been drawn up for the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government now propose to intensify the co-operative activities on the Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Railways are already devoting adequate attention to the organisation and development of consumer co-operative societies.

Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail

*689. { Shri Damani:
Shri M. B. Thakore:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of over-crowding on the Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail, which has to carry passengers bound for distant places;

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce the over-crowding; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce one Janata Service or an extra train to supplement the present Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) Some overcrowding has been noticed in III Class on Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail trains on the Delhi-Rewari and Mehsana-Ahmedabad sections only.

(b) The overcrowding obtains only on Suburban sections near Delhi and Ahmedabad and passengers avail of these trains as they are run to convenient timings. The question of increasing the Suburban services would be considered when works

undertaken to increase the line capacities of these sections are completed. There is, however, no room at present for an additional coach to be run on Delhi-Ahmedabad Mails.

(c) Not at present.

Ex-States' Railway Workshops

*690. **Shri J. R. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive expert enquiry has been made as to the production potential of the workshops of the ex-States Railways; and

(b) whether steps, if any, have already been taken, or are proposed to be taken to make the best of this potential, so as to overcome the short supply of various items of stores of equipment which these workshops are capable of producing or manufacturing?

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

(b) Railway Workshops of ex-State Railways are generally repair shops and not production shops. Steps, as recommended by the Workshop Reviewing Committee, are being taken to make the best use of potential repair capacities thereof.

Railway Service Commissions

*691. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Scheduled Castes members are represented on any of the Railway Service Commissions?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): No, Sir.

Proposed Strike by P. & T. Employees

*692. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the demands contained in the strike notice of the Post and Telegraph employees;