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[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRES

*884. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the universities to which its technical training centres are attached; and

(b) the nature of work that is done there?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No Technical Training Centre is attached to any University as such, but one Centre, namely the Industrial Training Centre, Banaras, is attached to the Engineering College of the Banaras University for workshop facilities.

(b) Training is imparted at this Centre in the trades of Draughtsman (Mechanic), Electrician, Lineman and Wireman, Machinist, Mechanic (I.C. Engine), Moulder, Turner, Overseer, Fitter, Draughtsman (Civil), and Engine Driver (Steam).

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire whether these training facilities are afforded only to the students of the University or to outsiders also?

Shri Abid Ali: To outsiders only.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if there is any proposal under con-
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sideration to have similar centres at other Universities in India?

Shri Abid Ali: Sir, the matter has been referred to the Shiva Rao Committee, as the hon. Member may be aware. After their report is received the question of training not only in the present centres but about new centres will be decided.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: Sir, is it not true that this technical training provided under the Ministry of Labour does not provide for Degree training or even Diploma training?

Shri Abid Ali: It is only a two years' training course, Sir, and we issue certificates.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know what is the total annual expenditure for this training centre?

Shri Abid Ali: In 1951-52, it was Rs. 79,900.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know, Sir, the number of training centres under the Employment Exchanges and the number of trainees in them?

Shri Abid Ali: The training centres in all are about 61. I have not got the figure of the trainees here.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: In view of the fact that Universities provide only degree courses, will the Government consider the advisability of starting them in places where University training does not exist?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Ministry of Labour keeps any statistics of the persons who have been trained there and who have been able to get any gainful employment?

Shri Abid Ali: Sir, they are advised to enrol themselves in the nearest Employment Exchange and necessary efforts are made to place them. I believe most of them have been placed. But, I have not got the figures.

OVER-CROWDING IN TRAINS BETWEEN DELHI AND HARDWAR

*885. **Shri Dabhi:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is great over-crowding in the trains running between Delhi and Hardwar?

(b) If so, what steps do Government propose to take to remove this over-crowding?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A certain amount of over-crowding in Inter and Third classes was noticed on the Mussoorie and Dehra Dun Express trains between Delhi and Hardwar.

(b) An additional passenger train between Delhi and Hardwar was introduced in early June and the position regarding over-crowding has already improved considerably as a result.

Shri Dabhi: May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that Hardwar is a place of pilgrimage and there is always a great rush of passengers going there the steps that are taken by the Government are sufficient to remove the over-crowding?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Ordinarily, there is a great rush when there are religious festivals and the Government is always conscious of this fact and takes appropriate steps.

Shrimati A. Kale: Is Government aware that there is general over-crowding in the third and inter class all over India and that inter-class and third-class passengers are the people who pay most to the railways?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir, we are fully aware of this.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): I should add, Sir, that the position has lately very much improved.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: May I know why is it not possible for the local station staff to attach one or two additional bogeys in cases of extreme over-crowding?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is done when there is any necessity for it.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that over-crowding of third class is common all over India and whether Government have taken any steps to give help to the travelling public?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I have already answered this, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is between Delhi and Hardwar. We are going all over India—that question has also already been put by Shrimati Kale.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: He had not given the answer, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Because the answer was not given am I to allow every hon. Member to put a question?

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Sir, that question was about inter-class.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It was about both inter-class and third-class.

DERAILMENT OF AGRA-KATHGODAM TRAIN

*886. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Agra-Kathgodam passenger train derailed near Achnera station on the 31st May, 1953?

(b) How many passengers sustained injuries and how many of them died?

(c) What were the causes of the derailment?