

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## EXHIBITION TRAINS

\*663. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of places in each State so far visited by the two Exhibition trains that are moving on the broad and the metre gauge;

(b) the number of visitors;

(c) the income from the sale of entry tickets;

(d) whether there has been a request for the stopping of the trains at small wayside stations where there are sidings; and

(e) if so, what action is being taken in this respect?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Upto 31-1-1954, the number of stations visited by the Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge Exhibition Trains is 49 and 64 respectively. The location of these stations State-wise is shown in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 39.]

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

## NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES

\*670. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether Government propose to institute experiments on the AUTOMATIC telephone-answering and message-taking phones recently patented in the United States of America?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** The matter is under consideration.

## SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' CLAIMS

\*673. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that great inconvenience is caused to retired railway employees by the inordinate delays in the settlement of their dues; and

(b) the number of cases pending settlement for (i) one year and (ii) over two years?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes. As stated in the reply to Starred Question No. 1188 answered on 21-12-1953 the payment of settlement dues is often held up by delay in completing preliminaries like verification of service, determination of outstanding dues, production of succession certificates where relevant, etc.

(b) 7459 cases are pending for over a year and of these 3420 are pending for over two years.

## EXPORT OF CATTLE

\*678. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a census of cattle has been taken in Manipur;

(b) if so, the number of milch and plough cattle (bullock); and

(c) the number of the cattle heads exported from Manipur in 1953?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) and (b). The last livestock census in Manipur was taken in 1945. According to that census the number of milch and plough cattle in the State was:

Cows in milk	18,000
Buffaloes in milk	2,000
Plough cattle (Bullocks) ...	43,000

(c) 165.