

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether it is a fact that due to constant break-down of D.T.S. buses on the roads, passengers are put to great inconvenience and have to wait for a considerable time at the bus-stands?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Whenever there is break-down, it is only natural that passengers will be put to inconvenience. If the hon. Member reads the answer given to the main question, he will find that the D.T.S. has set up Central workshops for better maintenance of passenger buses.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** May I know whether the D.T.S. has its own workshop, or it has hired it on rent?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** It belongs to us, the D.T.S.

**Shri Bansal:** May I know the name or names of countries where orders have been placed, and also whether before placing orders, Government had taken into consideration the indigenous capacity, of various types of machinery and machine-tools

**Shri Alagesan:** The D.G.S.D. would have taken all these factors into consideration; we place orders through him.

#### AGARTALA AIR OFFICE

\*2333. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the present staff, specially in the traffic and ticket issuing branch, at the Agartala air office of the Indian Air Lines Corporation?

(b) Have Government received any complaints that the present time-table from Agartala to Calcutta and vice-versa is inconvenient to the passengers?

(c) Is it a fact that due to shortage of staff, passengers travelling from Agartala to Calcutta are not able to insure themselves in time?

(d) If so, what steps do Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) I lay on the Table a statement giving the

required information. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 53.]

(b) The present timings of the air services between Calcutta and Agartala do not provide a connection at Calcutta with the inward night air mail services. The question of revising the time table to provide such a connection has been engaging the attention of the Indian Air Lines Corporation.

(c) Insurance facilities are available for air passengers both at the City Booking Office and at the airport at Agartala. The strength of the staff posted is adequate and it should be possible for a passenger to get himself insured if he reports in time.

(d) Does not arise.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### POSTAL EMPLOYEES

\*2328. **Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the orders of the Chief Administrative Medical Officer are required before a patient who is a postal employee can get a transfer from one clinic to another, for medical treatment; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

##### ROAD BRIDGE OVER NARBADA

\*2336. **Shri Syed Ahmed:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to construct a road bridge over the River Narbada at Burma in Hoshangabad District?

(b) If so, when is the construction work likely to start?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Early in 1955.