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(Part I—Questions and Answers)
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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, 13th May, 1954

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*The House met at a Quarter Past Eight
of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS****AIRLINKS**

*2457. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airlinks established during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the countries with which these links have been established?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A direct airlink was established between Delhi and Kabul in place of the service on the circuitous route Bombay-Karachi-Zahidan-Kandahar.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know if some more airlinks are going to be established during the current financial year?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is proposed that after the receipt of super-consultations by the Air-India International, we shall establish one service running between Bombay, Colombo and Singapore, and another between Bombay, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong or Manila and Tokyo.

Shri Bansal: May I know if this line to Kabul touches any air port en
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route in Pakistan and if we have got the right of cabotage?

Shri Raj Bahadur: On the route to Kabul, we touch Lahore which is in Pakistan. We do not exercise traffic rights for this particular service.

INCOME DURING PUJA TRAVEL

*2458. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the total income derived by the Eastern Railway during the Puja of 1953;

(b) the number of days taken into account for the calculation of income from Puja travels; and

(c) how the Puja travel income of 1953 compares with that of the previous year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). Information asked for is not available, as Railways do not compile separate statistics of the income derived on particular occasions like the Durga Puja.

RADIO WIND-FINDING STATIONS

*2459. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) how many radio wind-finding stations have been established;

(b) the location of the stations; and

(c) how many such stations are proposed to be established in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Three for regular observations at New Delhi, Poona and Dum Dum and three for occasional observations on an experimental basis at Bamrauli, Nagpur and Madras.

(c) 4 more stations are proposed to be established during the next 3 years.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether co-ordination with the Air Force has been asked for and complied with?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The Air Force maintains its own observatories. There is some difference in the system of working. They make only one observation per day, we make two. Of course, information when necessary may be exchanged.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether high altitude weather conditions are observed?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We got from the disposals stock what is known as 'Baby maggie' type of radar, an equipment which could give us data about 25,000 to 30,000 feet above the ground. Now we are using radio theodolites which give us data about 50,000 to 60,000 feet above the ground.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, when these stations will work in full capacity, whether storm detecting radar stations will not be necessary?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is a matter which we shall decide on the basis of the technical advice which we get from the experts.

WIRELESS SET-UP ON RAILWAYS

*2460. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has issued direction regarding the formation of a wireless branch (both technical and traffic) at the time of the inception of wireless communication branch on the Indian Railways;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the direction issued regarding the wireless set-up;

(c) whether the same has been followed uniformly by all the Railways; and

(d) if not, which are the Railways that have not carried out the directions?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the standard designations of wireless staff (both technical and traffic) employment of which was suggested for the formation of Wireless Branch on Railways is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 1.]

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know what changes have been made in the wireless circuits after the regrouping of the railways?

Shri Alagesan: These directions were given much earlier. The same holds good even after regrouping.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know in how many stations low-power wireless sets have been installed in the Southern Railway?

Shri Alagesan: I think I should ask for notice.

सरदार ए० एस्० सहगल : क्या यह सच है कि वायरलेस को हर गाड़ियों में फिक्स करने पर आप की गाड़ियों में जो एक्सीडेंट होते हैं वह कम हो जावेंगे ?

श्री अलगेसन : मैं नहीं कह सकता ।

NUTRITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

*2462. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Food Fortification Sub-committee of the