

time taken in restoring the communications to good order, so that people may proceed beyond Siliguri to Assam?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: It is very difficult to lay down any specific date.

Shri Barman: Is it a fact that perhaps the link was hurriedly constructed without any scientific data and that it was constructed just below the gorges of the Himalayan rivers, so that the line is being breached every year and especially at the time of the rainy season, and if so, whether Government contemplate any alternate lines so that this connection with Assam may be maintained with the rest of India?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: These breaches are taking place not because of the defective alignments but because of the intensity and ferocity of torrents and floods.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In the amount of damages which has been reported by the hon. Minister, he did not mention the case of a train which was lost because the driver was forced to go along a strip. What is the total estimate of the loss and who is responsible for it?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The hon. Member is perhaps misinformed. The driver was on duty. I have great admiration for the driver for, during heavy rains and floods, he did go on that journey, but, of course, they were not aware that a link had broken, and so, as there was no previous information, the driver went on the bridge when the bridge had already collapsed. Therefore, the engine went down into the water.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: My question was about the loss. He spoke about the damages to bridges, but the whole train, along with the engine, was lost.

Shri L. B. Shastri: That is over now. This information must have been

received before that accident took place.

Shri Barman: What is the latest information about the fate of those persons who were in the train that toppled down into the stream?

Shri L. B. Shastri: It was not a train. It was only an engine.

Shri Barman: What was the fate of the persons?

Shri L. B. Shastri: The man died, we could not do anything afterwards, but anyhow we sent an aeroplane, and our officers went and enquired.

Shri Kasliwal: May I draw your attention to a question of which I had given short notice? Though the Secretariat had informed me that that question has been admitted for today, it is not in the list. I do not know what has happened to the question.

Mr. Speaker: He may enquire from the office; I cannot say off-hand.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ADAMPUR AERODROME

*505. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the proposal to open the Adampur (Jullundur) aerodrome for regular air service is under the consideration of Government?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No, Sir.

FIRST SUPER-CONSTELLATION

*508. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first Super-constellation of Air India International 'Rani of Jhansi' is regularly serving on a particular route since its arrival in Bombay on the 6th June, 1954;

(b) if so, which is that route; and

(c) whether the aircraft has been getting its full load normally?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bombay-London route.

(c) The loads are considered very satisfactory.

COLLEGE OF CATERING AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT

*517. Sardar A. S. Saigal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any College of Catering and Institutional Management has been opened in Bombay;

(b) the number of students who will be trained there each year;

(c) the minimum qualifications prescribed for admission to this course; and

(d) what are the courses of study?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) 100 but there are only 65 students in the first term.

(c) Matriculation or equivalent standard; this is relaxable in case of female students and others who already have some Catering experience.

(d) The syllabus includes the following courses of study:—

- (1) Food Dietetics and Nutrition.
- (2) Health, Hygiene and First-Aid.
- (3) Cookery—theory and practice, purchases, storage.
- (4) Economics of Food Administration.
- (5) Accounts.
- (6) Correspondence.
- (7) Public Relations.
- (8) Administration (Institutional Management).
- (9) Elementary Sewing and Laundry.

(10) Maintenance of records on visits to Catering Institutions.

TOURISTS TO KASHMIR

*518. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tourists who visited Kashmir so far during the current year; and

(b) the special facilities provided for them?.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 19,148 upto the 30th June, 1954.

(b) Special facilities *inter alia* include concessional rail-cum-road and rail-cum-air tickets, expeditious issue of Kashmir permits, provision of information, guide services and improved accommodation and transport facilities etc. in the valley.

LOADING AND UNLOADING ON RAILWAYS

*522. Ch. Raghuhir Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at certain stations loading and unloading is arranged by Station Masters on an *ad hoc* basis without the agency of licenced contractors resulting thereby in loss to Government; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, but it not only causes no loss to Government but secures a saving.

(b) Does not arise.

EX-TRAMWAY WORKERS OF MADRAS

*523. Shri Nambiar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India had offered to employ 1600 unemployed ex-tramwaymen of Madras in the Integral Coach-Building Factory at Perambur;