

(2) A sum of Rs. 5 p.m. of instructional flying (dual and solo by members of the club) flown by the club in excess of 1,000 hours per year at the headquarters aerodrome of the club or its satellite aerodrome.

(3) For each member of the club who, being an Indian national under 35 years of age trained by the club on aircraft belonging to the club or loaned to it by the Central or State Governments, a bonus is paid as follows:—

For private pilot's licence ("A" licence) Rs. 250.

(4) An hourly bonus for flying in respect of those members of the club who are Indian Nationals and not more than 28 years of age at the following rate, namely—

(i) on aircraft in 65/100 H.P. class Rs. 15 p.h.

(ii) on aircraft in 101/129 H.P. class Rs. 18 p.h.

(iii) on aircraft in 130/185 H. P. class Rs. 20 p.h.

Shri Jaipal Singh: What are the special reasons that constrain Government to continue the subventions to the flying clubs that are not in need of it?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I do not think that there is any reason to presume that subventions are being paid to flying clubs which do not stand in need of them. Rs. 30,000 is paid to all the clubs and the other subventions are calculated on the basis which I have just read out.

Col. Zaidi: Is it true that many pilots trained by these flying clubs find it very, very difficult, if not impossible, to get job in the country as commercial pilots?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I have no information on this point, but I presume that there is great demand for them.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether it is a fact that commercial pilots are being trained by Government institutions in other countries? May I know why commercial pilots are not being trained in that manner and why the private institutions which train commercial pilots are not being subsidized?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I will look into the matter before I can say anything.

THEFTS IN TRAINS

*240. **Shri Balmiki:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train thefts and robberies committed in April, 1951 and April, 1952; and

(b) the steps taken to stop them?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The number of train thefts and robberies committed in April 1952 was 849 as against 916 in April, 1951.

(b) Preventive measures taken include provision of window bars in upper class compartments and in lavatories of all classes, constant checking of safety catches in compartments, escorting of passenger and goods trains in areas notorious for thefts and robberies, improved rivetting of wagons and better watch and ward arrangements in stations and yards.

श्री बाल्मीकी : इस सम्बन्ध में रेल डकैतियों के कारण कितनी जानें गईं ?

[**Shri Balmiki:** How many persons have lost their lives on account of these train dacoities?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : इसकी ठीक संख्या तो मैं नहीं बतला सकता ।

[**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I am unable to give the exact figures in this connection.]

श्री बाल्मीकी : स्पेशल पुलिस का कब से प्रबन्ध किया गया है और उस से स्थिति में क्या सुधार हुआ है ?

[**Shri Balmiki:** Since when has the special police force been deputed on these trains and how far has this brought about an improvement in the situation?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : पिछले पांच वर्षों से स्पेशल पुलिस का इन्तजाम किया गया है और उसकी वजह से काफी सुधार स्थिति में हुआ है। यह पुलिस उस वक्त मुकर्रर की गई थी जब कि सन् १९४७ के बाद ट्रेनों में बहुत घटनायें होने लगी थीं, और बहुत लोगों पर हमले हुए। इसकी वजह से रेलवे प्रोटेक्शन पुलिस मुकर्रर की गई, उसने बहुत बड़ा काम किया और उस वक्त जो काफी वाकयात हो रहे थे फौरन रुक गये ।

[**Shri L. B. Shastri:** The services of the special police force are being provided for the last five years, and the

situation has improved much on this account. Arrangements for deputing special police force were made after the year 1947 when too many accidents and assaults on people were reported. For eliminating such incidents Railway Protection Police was deputed. They did a lot of work and the incidents soon stopped.]

श्री जांगड़े : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि रेलवे विभाग ने चोरी होने वाली वस्तुओं के बदले में उन वस्तुओं के मालिकों को कितना रुपया हरजाने के रूप में दिया है ?

[Shri Jangde: Will the hon. Minister please state the amount of money that has been paid by the Railway Department as damages to the persons who lost their goods as a result of train thefts and robberies?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : रकम तो वैसे बतलाना मुमकिन नहीं है लेकिन अगर माननीय सदस्य कोई सवाल पूछें तो उस का जबाब दिया जायगा ।

[Shri L. B. Shastri: It is not possible to state the amount of money so paid, but if the hon. Member asks some other question it would be answered.]

Jonab Amjad Ali: May I know the chief *modus operandi* of these robberies and thefts in the railway trains?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. It will be too long an answer and it is not in the public interest to give it.

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee: May I know in how many cases were the offenders caught, tried and convicted?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I cannot give the exact number, but perhaps in a very large number of cases persons have been caught and convicted.

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question.

ऋतु अनुसन्धान वेधशालाएं

*२४१. श्री बाल्मीकी : क्या संघरज मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अण्डमान और निकोबार टापुओं में कितनी ऋतु अनुसन्धान वेधशालाएं स्थापित की जा रही हैं और किन किन स्थानों पर ;

(ख) उन में से कितनी तैयार हो चुकी हैं ; तथा

(ग) उन में से प्रत्येक पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

WEATHER RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES

[*241. Shri Balmiki: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many Weather Research Observatories are being installed in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and at what places;

(b) how many of them are already ready; and

(c) what is the estimated expenditure to be incurred on each of them?]

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Ten; seven surface observatories one each at Port Blair, Car Nicobar, Kundal, Nancowry, Table Island, Maya Bunder and Long Island; two pilot balloon observatories at Port Blair and Car Nicobar; and one Radio sonde observatory at Port Blair.

(b) All except the pilot balloon observatory at Car Nicobar.

(c) I lay on the Table a statement giving the information.

STATEMENT

The estimated expenditure in setting up and operating each of the different types of observatories is:—

	Non-recurring	Recurring
	Ra.	Ra.
Surface observatory	1,500	1,700
Pilot balloon observatory	5,500	31,600
Radio sonde observatory	6,000	35,000

श्री बाल्मीकी : क्या सरकार इस प्रकार की और वेधशालाएँ भी खोलना चाहती है, यदि हाँ, तो किन किन स्थानों पर ?

[Shri Balmiki: Do the Government intend to open more such observatories in the country; if so, at what places?]