

SURGEONS FROM AMERICA

*1215. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any batch of American Surgeons visited this country in the middle of November, 1954;

(b) if so, whether they came at the invitation of Government; and

(c) the purpose of their visit?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) To attend a meeting of the Indian Chapter of the International College of Surgeons in Bombay and to meet surgeons in India.

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

*1217. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the Supplementary raised on starred question No. 316 on the 24th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Police authorities at Jubbulpore refused this year to take into custody ticketless travellers charged under Section 113 of the Indian Railway Act by ticket collectors;

(b) if so whether any instructions to this effect have been issued to the Railway Police; and

(c) the amount of revenue lost on account of ticketless travelling on this railway during the last two years?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The passengers who are dealt with under section 113 of the Indian Railways Act are not normally taken into custody by the Police unless they are arrested under section 132 in addition. The Police authorities have not refused to take into custody those so arrested.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not possible to make an accurate estimate of the amount of

revenue lost on account of ticketless travelling. The amount of excess fares and penalty realised from ticketless travellers on Central Railway during the 2 years was, however, as follows:—

	Rs.
1952-53	19,62,588
1953-54	15,95,311

LIGHT HOUSE NEAR KANDLA PORT

*1219. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the estimated cost of constructing the sea bed lighthouse at Lushing-ton Shoals near Kandla Port?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No firm estimate has yet been prepared but on the basis of a tentative estimate prepared sometime ago, the cost of construction is likely to be about Rs. 50 lakhs.

SHIPPING CORPORATION

*1220. **Shri Magan Lal Bagdi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up a Second Shipping Corporation is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken so far in this regard?

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

(b) The matter is still in the preliminary stage of examination and no final decision has yet been taken.

MECHANISATION OF POSTAL SERVICES

*1224. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have so far been taken in pursuance of the advice given and the detailed plans furnished by the two British Postal Experts assigned to the Posts and Telegraphs Department under the Technical Assistance Scheme of the Colombo Plan for