

24th November, 1954 on the late running of trains and lay on the Table of the House a statement showing:

(a) the number of occasions of late running of trains on the North Eastern Railway before and after the punctuality drive was introduced; and

(b) the manner in which the punctuality drive has now been intensified?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 43.]

REPRESENTATION FROM BOMBAY SEAMEN :

*1249. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation for the appointment of a tripartite Medical Board has been received from the Bombay seamen;

(b) if so, the main points in the representation; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c) A representation was handed over to the Minister during his visit to Bombay on the 20th November, 1954, by the President of the National Union of Seamen of India, Bombay. This representation contained *inter alia* a suggestion that a Medical Board representing Government, Shipowners and Seamen should be established. A statement indicating the main points contained in the representation is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 44]. The whole matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

FLOATING POST OFFICE

749. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state.

(a) the area served by the floating post office in Srinagar;

(b) whether it is functioning successfully;

(c) whether Government propose to start such post offices elsewhere; and

(d) if so, at what places?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Three floating post offices were opened during the touring season *viz.*, 15th April, 1954 to 31st October, 1954.

They covered the following areas:

(1) Jhelum-Sheikhabagh, Ram Munshi Bagh, Sonwar Bagh, Rajbagh, Armwary.

(2) Dal Lake-Gagribal point, Dal Gate and the surrounding Nallahs, Chinarbagh and Club Nallah.

(3) Naginbagh-Nasimbagh, Naginbagh and the surrounding Nallahs.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). This will be examined.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSION

750. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay on the Table of the House the recommendations made by the Central Railway Service Commission, Bombay in connection with the equation of non-gazetted posts and grades of the erstwhile Indian States Railways with the prescribed scales of pay on Indian Government Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The recommendations in question being of a departmental nature, it is regretted that it will not be possible to do so.

SPECIAL TRAINS

751. **Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special trains run during Dussehra Festival in October, 1954 to Mysore from other Stations;