

**Shri Abid Ali:** I would require notice for that.

**Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Is it a fact that the international prices of coffee have risen fairly high?

**Shri Abid Ali:** For that also, I require notice.

**Shri K. P. Tripathi:** May I know if it is a fact that when the prices rise, wages do not rise, but when prices fall, employment falls? This partnership means that labour always shares the losses and no gains. Is that the policy?

**Shri Abid Ali:** In coffee industry, there has not been such a case.

#### DELHI TRANSPORT SERVICE

\*1563. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to improve the efficiency of the Delhi Transport Service and the regularity and punctuality of its services?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** Arrangements have been made for the running of 400 buses by the middle of 1955. Two new depots have been constructed and are in operation. A central workshop at Coronation Road is expected to be in operation by the end of this month. All other aspects of operation are being constantly reviewed and tightened up with a view to improving regularity and punctuality.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know the daily average number of break-down during the last three months and whether it is a fact that when there are break-downs no extra buses are sent to take the place of the missing buses?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** It is rather a wide question to be able to give the number of break-downs during the last three months. There are some break-downs. As soon as we come to know of it, we try to replace them depend-

ing on the number of buses that we hold in reserve.

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** May I know what steps have been taken or are likely to be taken to improve the efficiency of the drivers?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** Training classes are regularly being held and refresher courses are given to them.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know whether it is a fact that the grievances of the employees of the Delhi Transport Service are not being looked into properly so that inefficiency has arisen out of that?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** We are going into another very big subject.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** There was a bus service which originated from North Avenue which is a very important place. May I know why it was withdrawn?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Does it relate to efficiency and regularity? Of course, hon. Members are interested in that.

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Because Members of Parliament are living in North Avenue, he is interested in that. I propose to re-start it.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** The hon. Minister said that the frequency of buses have been increased from 1st December, 1954. May I know the mileage covered before 1st December, 1954?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not have the figures with me. I shall supply the figures.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether it is a fact that the time-table of the Delhi Transport Service was recently revised to achieve greater punctuality and more efficiency, but the revised time-table has led to the results that are just the reverse of it?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Our aim is to bring about greater efficiency and better punctuality. If there is any deterioration, it has nothing to do with the revised time-table. It may be due to some other factors.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether it is a fact that several of the D.T.S. buses have got either in the front or in the back route particulars exhibited and they are not illuminated during the night?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** There may be some buses like that. Whenever we notice such things, it is always attended to.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know the average number of passengers daily, who travel by the buses?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** If the hon. Member Shri Dabhi agrees, I shall arrange with the manager of the D.T.S. to take him and a few other friends round the depots and workshops and they may also stop at one or two places to see whether the buses are running punctually or not.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Hon. Members will have a ride.

### यात्रियों की सुविधायें

\*१५६४. **श्री झुलन सिहा:** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि रेलवे के विभिन्न महाखंडों (जोनों) में यात्रियों की सुविधायों से सम्बन्धित सभी कार्यों को सहयोजित करने के लिये विशेष पदाधिकारियों की नियुक्ति के बारे में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : सभी रेलवे-प्रशासनों में इन अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति पहले ही की जा चुकी है ।

**श्री झुलन सिहा :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इनकी नियुक्ति के उद्देश्य में यह भी शामिल है कि जो सुविधायें यात्रियों को दी जाती हैं वे ठीक उनको मिल जाया करें ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : उसमें सबसे बड़ी बात तो यही है ।

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether these officers that have been appointed, have submitted any report with regard to the work that has been done so far?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, Sir. Some of them have. We have called for reports from others.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether, in spite of the recommendation of the National Users' Consultative Council about providing higher class ladies compartments in express and mail trains, so far Government have not provided them, and that is causing much inconvenience to the ladies?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** I am not aware of that. I am very much afraid of the ladies and I shall look into that matter at once.

### INFLUENCE OF HOUSING ON HEALTH

\*1565. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have been invited to send their representative to a Conference on the Influence of Housing on Health in tropical countries to be held at Wye Agricultural College in Kent in January, 1955, which is being organised by the British Institute of Rural Life at Home and overseas; and

(b) whether Government are aware of any individuals and organisations having been invited to the Conference?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) No.

(b) Invitations have been extended to a representative from India House, London, and to Indian students in England.