

इसके अलावा तीसरं दर्जे के जो टिकट आम तौर पर बन रहे हैं, वह काफी आरामदाह हैं और पब्लिक उन्हें काफी पसन्द करती हैं। मरे खयाल में उनमें बदलाव करने का कोई इरादा नहीं है।

**Shri R. S. Diwan:** Are Government thinking that adequate accommodation for third class passengers should be given the first priority over all other facilities?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** That is the thing that we have constantly in view.

#### COMET AIRCRAFT

\*679. **Chaudhri Muhammed Shafiq:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to acquire comets for the Air India International;

(b) if so, the number, type and the cost of the comets proposed to be acquired;

(c) the names of the routes on which they will operate; and

(d) the names of the concerns from which they are proposed to be had?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a), (b) and (d). In December, 1951, Air India International placed an order on De-Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd. U.K., for two comet aircraft, Mark III, DH-100. The basic price of each of these aircraft according to the contract is £740,000. As the House is aware, there have since been some accidents to Comet, Mark I type, aircraft and consequently, the question of the future manufacture of Comets is under review by De-Havilland Aircraft Co. When the full results of this review are known, Air India International will consider whether their earlier order for Comets should be confirmed or not, having regard to the new operational and economic characteristics of these aircraft.

(c) The Comets if and when purchased, will be put on the India-U.K. route.

**Shri Syamnandan Sahaya:** In the meantime, have Government considered the necessity of informing these Comet manufacturers that till the orders are confirmed, they should be treated as cancelled?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The contract itself provides for the cancellation of the orders, if they are not confirmed.

**Shri Syamnandan Sahaya:** Has any step been taken to cancel the orders?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** No step is necessary for that, because the Comets are not under production as such.

#### NEW RAILWAY LINES

##### (QUADIAN TO JULLUNDUR)

\*680. **Sardar Akarpuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the railway line from Quadian to Jullundur; and

(b) if so, how long it will take to do so?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**सरदार अकरपुरी :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को पता है कि सर जफरुल्ला की मिनिस्ट्री के वक्त यह बटाला का दिया व्यास रेलवे लाइन मंजूर हो चुकी थी और काफी दूर तक बनने के बाद सीक्रेट वर्ल्ड वार की वजह से इसको स्टाॅप कर दिया गया था, तो क्या उस काम को फिर शुरू किया जायगा और लाइन को आगे बढ़ाया जायगा ?

**श्री शाहनवाज खान :** जफरुल्ला खान की वजारात से ले कर अब तक काफी पानी व्यास में बह चुका है और हालात काफी बदल गये हैं।