

RAILWAY COACHES ON KATIHAR SECTION

*912. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coaches in Katihar Section are old and worn-out; and
(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to replace them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Approximately 30 per cent of the coaches running on this section are overage but they are not worn out;

(b) More new coaches are being provided to Katihar Section.

RAIL LINK FROM TINNEVELLY TO CAPE COMORIN

*913. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a Railway line from Tinnevelly to Cape Comorin on the Southern Railway.

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made in this regard; and

(c) when the construction work is likely to begin?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to carry out a Traffic Survey of this project during 1955-56.

(c) It is too early to say.

LOOTING OF RAILWAY STATIONS

*914. **Shri Suriya Prashad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations looted by dacoits in 1954-55 so far; and

(b) the number of such incidents in which the culprits were traced?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 8 cases of looting of Railway stations are known to have occurred

during the year 1954-55 upto 31st January 1955.

(b) The culprits have been traced in 5 cases so far.

कपास

*९१६. **श्री अमर सिंह डामर :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५२-५४ में कुल कितनी कपास पैदा हुई थी और उस वर्ष के लिये क्या लक्ष्य निर्दिष्ट किया गया था; और

(ख) वर्ष १९५४-५५ के लिये क्या लक्ष्य निर्दिष्ट किया गया है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) :

(क) १९५२-५४ में कपास की कुल पैदावार २६ लाख २५ हजार गांठें हुईं। निर्दिष्ट लक्ष्य २६ लाख ७० हजार गांठें था।

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SURVEY FOR NEW RAILWAY LINES

*919. **Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the surveys previously undertaken for the proposed Rourkela-Talcher and Sambalpur-Titilagarh Railway lines, and the expenditure incurred on each of them;

(b) whether it is a fact that fresh surveys are proposed for these two new lines; and

(c) if so, (i) the purpose of the survey, (ii) the approximate cost to be incurred and (iii) the time within which it is likely to be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Preliminary Traffic and Engineering surveys for the Rourkela-Talcher line were carried out during 1947-48 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,77,603/- Sambalpur-Titilagarh project has not been surveyed previously.

(b) No, Sir. A traffic survey for the Sambalpur-Titilagarh project only is being carried out by the Eastern Railway Administration.