

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know whether Government propose to extend this service to some more cities during 1955?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No such proposal is under consideration at the moment.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether any reduction has been effected in the load carried in these lines, and if so what are the categories of mails that have been excluded?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No category of mail that was being taken formerly by the night air services has been excluded now. The load was reduced from 26,200 lbs to 25,500 lbs, which means a reduction of 700 lbs.

श्री एन० एल० जोशी: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि दिन में चलने वाले हवाई जहाजों के जरिए से कोई नए शहर जोड़ें गए हैं?

श्री राज बहादुर: जोड़ें जाने वाले हैं।

Shri N. L. Joshi: I am asking, in the day time. This is regarding night air mail service. I am asking regarding day air mail service.

Mr. Speaker: This question relates only to night air mail service.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know whether any change in the timings of these services is contemplated so that the planes may reach their destinations sufficiently in advance of the time so that they may catch the other planes starting from there?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The timings of the present services have been so arranged that they are able to catch the other services which are connected with these lines, at Madras, Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay.

ACCIDENTS IN MINES

***1700. Chaudhri Muhammed Shafee:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers killed in accidents in coal and other mines since 1952;

(b) the amount of compensation paid to the relations of the deceased; and

(c) the number of the compensation cases still awaiting decision?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) A statement giving the necessary statistics is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 37]

(b) and (c). The information is being collected from State Governments who are responsible for the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN TRAINS

***1701. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of coaches and trains are inadequate to cope with the increased needs of suburban traffic in Bombay;

(b) whether the platforms on the suburban stations in Bombay are inadequate; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, particularly during the peak periods.

(b) Platforms at the suburban stations in the Bombay Area are considered adequate for the present train services.

(c) Steps are being taken to procure additional electric multiple unit stock and improve upon the platform facilities etc. to cope with future additional services.

Shri Gidwani: May I know what steps are being taken to increase the number of coaches so that at the peak period there will be no congestion of traffic?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are trying to procure some more coaches.