

काच और कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) : वह राइस ४८ पौंड फी टन खरीदा गया था, जिसमें से १३ पौंड कर्जों में लगाया गया और ३५ पौंड नकद दिया गया।

'Heron' Aircrafts

*236. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number of 'Heron' aircrafts that have arrived so far, and put on air routes;

(b) the stations between which they are flying; and

(c) the routes to be covered by them in future flights?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) All the eight Heron aircrafts for which orders had been placed by the Indian Airlines Corporation have arrived. Two of them have been put on air routes so far.

- (b) (i) Delhi/Agra/Gwalior/Bhopal/Indore/Aurangabad/Bombay.
 (ii) Delhi/Lahore/Delhi.
 (c) (i) Bombay/Baroda/Ahmedabad.
 (ii) Delhi/Bikaner/Jodhpur/Ahmedabad/Rajkot.
 (iii) Delhi/Jullundur/Kulu.
 (iv) Calcutta/Jamshedpur/Ranchi/Patna.
 (v) Madras/Madras circular route via Bangalore, Coimbatore, Cochin, Trivandrum, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : What are the reasons for not putting the other Herons into flight.

Shri Raj Bahadur : They have been received only very late. We got the first two on 15th April 1955, three on 15th June, two on 21st July and the last one on 22nd July.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : Will the hon. Minister tell us what is the guarantee that these are better compared to their predecessors that were flying in these routes?

Shri Raj Bahadur : These routes are new—the routes on which we propose to fly them. The question of comparison does not arise even there. It is one of the latest types which is supposed to be very good and they are being tried not only in our country but had been successfully tried in many other countries.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I remind the hon. Minister of the promise given to the Andhras that Bezwada will be taken up as soon as these Herons are received? I do not find Bezwada mentioned in the list which the hon. Minister read. How soon will this be taken up?

Shri Raj Bahadur : That depends upon—as I have said previously also—the potential traffic and certain other factors. These are being studied by experts and so it will depend upon their advice tendered to the Chairman, Indian Airlines Corporation.

Shri Jaipal Singh : Is it a fact that already talks have been going on for handing these to the Indian Air Force?

Shri Raj Bahadur : I am not aware of any such talks.

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*२३७. श्री राम शंकर लाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि २७ मई, १९५५ की शाम को पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के खेती स्टेशन के निकट एक सवारी गाड़ी (पेंसजर ट्रेन) पटरी से उतर गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जन-घन की कितनी हानी हुई ; और

(ग) पटरी से उतरने का कारण क्या था ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनबाज खां) : (क) २७ मई, १९५५ को शाम के वक्त लगभग ५ बजकर ५४ मिनट पर इलाहाबाद तैज सवारी गाड़ी जिस समय पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के झोड़िहार-खपरवा संकशन के रेवती स्टेशन में दाखिल हो रही थी, उस समय गाड़ी का इंजन पटरी से उतर कर उलट गया। साथ ही इंजन से लगे हुए तीन डिब्बे भी फेसिंग प्वाइंट (facing points) पार करके के बाद उलट गये ;

(ख) (१) रेल की पटरी पार करता हुआ एक भादमी कट कर मार गया।

(२) इससे रेलवे को लगभग ३,२०० रुपये की हानि हुई।

(ग) इस दुर्घटना की जांच उस रेलवे के रीजनल मरफसरों की एक कमेटी से कराई गयी। कमेटी को पता चला है कि बहुत तेज रफतार के कारण गाड़ी पटरी से उतर गयी।

Shri S. N. Das : May I know the prescribed speed for that train and if this was due to the high speed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : I do not have all those details with me now. If the hon. Member would give me notice, I shall give him the exact prescribed speed; but our conviction is that the train was moving at a much faster speed than it should have been.

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether the enquiry report has been made available and may I also know whether mention has been made about the high speed and also about the prescribed speed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The report was finalised only on the 26th of this month and the information that we had obtained here was over the telephone. If the hon. Member would like to have some further additional information we are prepared to supply it on notice.

Exploratory Tube-wells

*238. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Committee for the construction of Exploratory tube-wells has visited the Andhra State to select suitable sites there for this purpose;

(b) if so, the nature of their recommendations; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when the Committee is likely to visit the State?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Committee is likely to visit the State some time in the first half of 1956.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd : About 1½ years ago, the hon. Minister told this House that tube-wells would be installed in scarcity areas early. I want to know the reason for the enormous delay.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : The whole programme is an all India programme and the various States are being visited by our Committees according to that programme; the execution depends on the machinery available.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd : Has the hon. Minister instructed the Committee to visit the scarcity areas in Rayalaseema in the Andhra State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : The geologists first go and determine what the suitable areas for exploration are and they will go to any particular part of Andhra depending upon their data and findings.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd : Will he instruct the Committee to tour Rayalaseema?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I am sure it will be done, if there are prospects.

Mr. Speaker : It need not necessarily be Rayalaseema unless the geologists agree.

Sleeping Coaches

*239. **Shri Hoda :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sleeping coaches for Third Class passengers on the 30th June, 1955;

(b) whether this number is adequate;

(c) if not, what are the requirements; and

(d) whether any target has been fixed for additional construction thereof in the year 1955-56?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) 9 B. G. and 6 M.G.

(b) and (c). The number is sufficient for the trains on which these coaches run. In addition to these trains, there are proposals for providing sleeping accommodation on other trains which are being examined.

(d) No. Proto-type coaches are under order. Construction targets will be fixed after these have been passed.

Shri Hoda : In regard to part (b) may I know on what basis the requirements have been accounted for? I mean—whether they should be only big trains, fast trains. What type of trains have been taken into account?

Shri Alagesan : I can give the various trains. They have been put on janta trains and perhaps other trains too.

Mr. Speaker : His point is this. On what principle is it decided?