

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 13.

(b) 2.

(c) Matriculation or its equivalent.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how this number compares with the number obtainable in other railway zones? Is it not a fact that the number of passenger guides on the Northern Railway is a little less than on other railways?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not think so; but for a precise reply, I shall require notice.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many of these passenger guides are ladies and how many are gentlemen?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: They are all males.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that ladies at railway stations need more assistance than gentlemen and, if so, why are lady passenger guides not appointed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I think the hon. Member can depend on gentlemen social guides who are there always to help the ladies.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): I am sorry there has been some mistake in the reply given. There are lady passenger guides. They are a few in number and we do want to increase their number at various stations.

जनता गाड़ी

*१०१. श्री बीरस्वामी : क्या रेल्वे मंत्री २० अगस्त, १९६६ को दिये गये अतिरिक्त प्रश्न संख्या ४८४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उसके बाद दिल्ली और हावड़ा के बीच कोई नई प्रकार की जनता गाड़ी चालू की गई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उस गाड़ी की विशेषतायें क्या हैं ?

रेल्वे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के समासबिन्दु श्री साहनबाबू खाँ : (क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) एक बयान सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है [बेचिये परिशिष्ट ५ अनुसूचक सं० ४४]

Shri Veeraswamy: I want to know the answer in English.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know the answer to clause (b)?

Mr. Speaker: A statement is laid on the Table.

National Saving Certificates

*902. Shrimati Maydeo: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the investments made through National Savings and National Plan Certificates during the half year beginning from January, 1955; and

(b) the additional steps that are being taken to increase such investments?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 45].

Shrimati Maydeo: May I know what investments from these are in certificates worth Rs. 100 or less and how much in Rs. 500 and above so that I may know how much money has come from the lower income groups and villages and how much from rich people?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I cannot give the break-up according to the value of the certificates purchased because the denominations in which they are sold are many ranging from Rs. 5, Rs. 10, Rs. 50, Rs. 100, Rs. 500 up to Rs. 5000 and for National Plan Certificates from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10, Rs. 25 upto Rs. 500.

Shrimati Maydeo: May I know how much money has been spent by Government for propaganda of these National Savings Certificates.

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not have that information; it will be available with the Finance Ministry.

Shrimati Maydeo: May I know what amount was collected through Women's Committees?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That break-up also will be available only with the Finance Ministry.

Shri Kaulwal: Have Government any targets for 1956 for the scheme?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Targets are fixed.

Air India International

*903. Shrimati Ha Palchoudhury: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West German Airline 'Lufthansa' has been appointed as Chief Agent of Air India International Corporation in West Germany; and