

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No financial aid has been given to the Kashmir Government during 1955-56 for the encouragement of tourism in the State;

(b) 47,120 upto the 30th September, 1955.

Post-graduate Training in Medicine and Surgery

***1117. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement for the post-graduate training in Ear, Nose and Throat (Oto-Rhino-Laryngology) in India; and

(b) if not, how many students were sent abroad for such training with Government scholarships from India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Accident

***1118. { Shri Shree Narayan Das :
Shri Randaman Singh :
Shri B. D. Shastri :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that what would have resulted in a minor train disaster was averted at Bhairongarh station near Ratlam (Western Railway) on the 22nd November, 1955 when the 33 Down Bombay Express was seen coming on the same track where a huge crane was in operation;

(b) if so, the circumstances in which the disaster was averted; and

(c) whether it is a fact that one Shri Amba Lal, Carriage Inspector's body was crushed under the wheel of the engine in his attempt to stop the incoming train?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). At about 12.32 hours on 22-11-1955 while No. 33 Down Dehra Dun Express was being received on line No. 2 of the Bhairongarh Station on the Ratlam-Godhra Section of the Western Railway, it collided with the counterweight of the crane which was at that time fouling the line.

(c) It is a fact that Shri Amba Lal, Carriage and Wagon Inspector, was killed but the exact circumstances in which this happened will be known when the final report of the Government Inspector of Railways, who held his enquiry into the accident, is received.

Locomotives

***1119. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway locomotives to be supplied to India under the U. S. Foreign Aid Programme have reached India; and

(b) if so, when and how many are expected in the current month?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):

(a) Not yet.

(b) 4 locomotives are expected to be received in India this month.

Officers of Ex-State Railway

***517 Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 861, on the 7th December, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the report of the *ad hoc* Committee has since been examined by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b) The whole question of absorption of these *ex-States* Railway Officers, including the recommendations of the *ad hoc* Committee, is still under inter-departmental consideration.

Grant of Extension of Service

724. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 665 on the 30th August, 1955 and lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the required information?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The requisite information as it stood on the 31st August, 1955 is as follows:—

Number of Government employees working at present in the Ministry of Communications and offices under it after attaining the age of superannuation.	CLASS			
	I	II	III	IV
	2	3	3898	Nil.

Number of cases where extensions are proposed to be granted. 735.