

at present in a position to develop the capacity for the manufacture of anything like 25,000 wagons per year. This will be able to meet our normal requirements. It is only for the arrears, etc., we may have to depend on the imports. I have already said so.

Mr. Speaker : Next question.

Shri G. P. Sinha : One more question, Sir ?

Mr. Speaker : A number of questions have been put.

BOMBAY-CALCUTTA MAIL

***1095. Shri M. L. Agrawal :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay-Calcutta Mail went off the rails between the Malkapur and Biswa Bridge Stations beyond Bhusawal at 3.50 on the 24th January, 1956.

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 22]

Shri M. L. Agrawal : May I know if any attempt has been made since the submission of the report by the Government Inspector of Railways to find out the person or persons who are supposed to have tampered with the track?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Every attempt has been made by the police. So far they have not been able to apprehend the culprits.

Shri M. L. Agrawal : When can we expect to have the final report of the Railway Inspector? Would it be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : I cannot say definitely when the final report of the Government Inspector of Railways will be received.

JAIPUR STATION

***1100. Shri Bansilal :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a statue of Mahatma Gandhi is standing outside the Jaipur Railway Station in its compound ; and

(b) if so, the arrangements made for its proper upkeep?

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

(b) It is being properly looked after.

Shri Bansilal : May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that at the time of the visit of the cultural delegation from China, ropes were tied round the neck of the statue for putting up buntings?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : We are not aware of that. Sometimes it may happen that when you put a nice flower garland round the statue, the flowers wither away and there may be a rope hanging.

Shri Bansilal : I want to know whether ropes were tied in the neck of the statue for putting up buntings, not on this statue but elsewhere.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) We do not have any information on that point. If it had happened, it is a very regrettable thing. This is all I can say from here. The staff are looking after the statue. They have instructions to see that the statue is kept in a clean and neat condition.

Shri Bansilal : May I know which is the staff which is looking after this statue, because it is found that smoking and even drinking take place below this statue?

Mr. Speaker : All that may be brought to the notice of the hon. Minister. If nothing happens, then he may come to Parliament. We cannot go on with all these smoking and drinking, etc.

Shri Bansilal : One more question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker : No, no. I have seen the questions.

Shri Bansilal : May I know whether the Government is contemplating to enact some legislation regarding the indiscriminate putting up of statues of Mahatma Gandhi in public places?

Mr. Speaker : That does not arise out of this question which relates to railway stations.

Shri R. K. Gupta : 1101.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Question No. 1128 also may be taken up.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : The one relates to the Northern Railway and the other to Southern Railway.

Mr. Speaker : The hon. Parliamentary Secretary is not willing. He may answer one now and the other later.

DIESEL CARS

*1101. **Shri R. K. Gupta :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to introduce diesel cars on Metre Gauge Section of Northern Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure 23]

श्री शार० के० गुप्त : इस स्टेटमेंट में यह दर्ज है कि दो नई गाड़ियाँ और चालू की जायेंगी। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वह नई गाड़ियाँ किन किन रूट्स पर चालू की जायेंगी ?

श्री शहानवाज खाँ : ग्रानरेबल मੈम्बर को शायद यह मालूम नहीं है कि यह गाड़ियाँ इस वक्त चल रही हैं। एक दिल्ली, सरायरोहिला हिसार लाइन पर चल रही है और दूसरी दिल्ली, सरायरोहिला, लोहारू लाइन पर चल रही है।

Shri A. M. Thomas : May I know whether it is a fact that the change-over will be easy in the case diesel traction with regard to lines wherein Government propose to introduce electrification? May I also enquire whether the Railway Ministry has drawn up any comprehensive plan with regard to the introduction of diesel traction with a view to electrification?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : This is a question relating to the rail-cars. It does not deal with diesel traction as such. As an experiment we are trying these rail cars in the Southern Railway and Northern Railway. After the results of the experiments are available, the intention is to extend the rail car services to other Railways also.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether the Government propose to run more cars on those sections of the Northern Railway such as between Amritsar and Jullundar where there is more overcrowding?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : There is greater overcrowding on the metre gauge section. Therefore, we have decided to run them on the metre gauge sections.

Shri Raghavaiah : May I know on which part of the Southern Railway this experiment is being carried on? The hon. Minister. . . .

Mr. Speaker : The hon. Member has put the question.

Shri Alagesan : Both on the broad gauge and the metre gauge.

Shri Raghavaiah : May I know whether the Government propose to experiment this on the overcrowded line like Bezwada-Madras?

Shri Alagesan : Not on the section between Bezwada and Madras. There are other crowded sections where the broad gauge diesel cars, as soon as they are received, will be put on.