

hours. The aircraft, which had undergone a major check of aircraft and engine on 30th April had done only 60 hours after that.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : In view of the fact that atmospheric conditions for aviation in most parts of our country are comparatively favourable, will Government tell us what special measures are being taken to prevent the kind of recurrent accidents which have lately been taking place and which are bad for our country and its reputation from every point of view.

Shri Jagjivan Ram : I do not agree to the latter part of the question.....

Some Hon. Members : *rose.*

Mr. Speaker : The Minister gave certain details of statistics of a number of accidents year after year, and he is of the opinion that there is no foundation for such a remark.

Shri Jagjivan Ram : In fact, I was going to say that there is no basis for this inference. Even in comparison to other countries, our record is quite good. We have been taking all possible steps, and we had laid on the Table of the House only on the 18th of this month the various details of the steps that we have been taking to avoid accidents as far as is humanly possible.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RAILWAY DISPENSARIES

***2445. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shaf-fee :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no Railway Dispensary is located for the Railway Staff at Delhi, Baroda House and Shahdara ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government are considering the question of providing Railway Dispensaries at the above places ; and

(d) if so, when ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : (a) There are six dispensaries in Delhi but none at Baroda House or Shahdara.

(b) The staff working in Baroda House attend the College Lane Dispensary which is quite near. Railway staff residing at Shahdara, when fit to travel, attend the Railway Hospital, Delhi. When they are confined to bed, the line doctor attends on them on receipt of a call.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal for the provision of a dispensary at Baroda House. Provision of a dispensary at Shahdara, has, however, been made in the Second Five Year Plan.

POSTAGE ON BOOK PACKETS

***2448. Shri Ibrahim :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in postage on book packets has resulted in the fall of revenue from this item in 1955-56 as compared to 1951-52 ; and

(b) if so, to what extent ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

***2454. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to train second batch of State Revenue and Land Record Officers in the new standards, definitions and concepts connected with the collection of agricultural statistics ;

(b) if so, when the training will commence ; and

(c) the duration of the training ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) The Training of State Revenue and Land Records Officers was organized by the Government of India in 1955 in three batches. The third and the last batch received training during September to November, 1955.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.