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Pandit D. N. Tiwary: In answer to (a) the Parliamentary Secretary said 'yes' and in answer to (b), he said 'nil'. If no grant is given by the Centre, how is the policy implemented and how is the work carried on?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : The State Governments are resourceful enough to find money for this purpose.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : With the aid of the Central Government, the States carry out the policy. But when there is no grant, how is the whole policy carried out?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : We have not given them much of financial assistance. But we have, for example, given them funds for constructing roads. Recently for Sarnath in connection with the Budha Jayanti, we gave enough funds both for Gaya, which falls in the province of the hon. Member, as well as for Banaras, Sanchi, and other places. In that way, we are trying to assist State Governments. But at the present momeat, the funds allotted for this purpose by the Planning Commission is practically nil. So it would not be possible for us to help the States much in this regard.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: Is it a fact that no facilities for providing water and electricity at the Ajanta guest house, where a large number of tourists come, exist?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : It is true that at Ajanta sufficient amenities are not available. Near Ajanta, there is a guest house and amenities are provided. But I do realise that something must be done at Ajanta proper. We have written to the State Government concerned, and if possible, we will also try to do something in the matter.

Recognition of Meritorious Work on Railways

*1986. Shri B. S. Murthy : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 1534 on 30th August, 1956 and state :

(a) the number of cases considered by the "Inventions and Suggestions Committee" of the Southern Railway and the number of meritorious awards recommended during 1955-56; and

(b) the nature of the awards and the money value of the same?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawas Khan) : (a) and (b). The details are being collected.

Shri B. S. Murthy : When will the details be available?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): . As early as possible.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know who are the members of the 'Inventions and Suggestions Committee'?

Mr. Speaker : I think the names are published.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The Senior Deputy General Manager or where there is no Senior Deputy General Manager, the Deputy General Manager, Works, the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Deputy Signal and Telecommunications Engineer and Senior scale Personnel Officer.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : May I know whether this Committee is confined to the Southern Railway only or such Committees are functioning on some other railways also?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : It works on all the railways.

Modernization of Airports

'1968. {Sardar Iqbal Singh: Shri R. P. Garg :

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernization of the Indian Air-Ports;

(b) if so, when would this be implemented;

(c) the names of the air-ports to be developed; and

(d) the main features of this modernization and total costs involved?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). I lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha statement giving the requisite information. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 27].

Sardar Iqbal Singh : Have Government considered the report of the 8th session of ICAO? If so, may I know whether Government have programmed the modernisation according to that report? If no, in what way is the programme different?

Shri Jagjivan Ram : It will be very easy for the hon. Member to understand if he goes through the Report of !ICAO and compare the statement which has been supplied here.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know the number of Indian airports that have to be modernised in accordance with the international standard?