to construct an international airport at Delhi?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Government propose to construct an international airport at Delhi but they have not yet taken a final decision as to whether the existing airport at Palam should be developed into a full fledged internaticnal airport or whether a new international airport should be constructed at some other site.

Wagon Allotments

*2139. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state whether wagon allotments for Assam from Calcutta are in most cases made to intermediaries who openly sell them to actual users?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The Railway Administration are not aware of any such case. In fact, most of the wagons are allotted in close collaboration with the Trade Adviser to the Government of Assam and the Central Tea Board.

Indian Language Telegraph Service

*2140. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) how the Indian Language Telegraph Service has improved during the First Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that one Prof. Bhattacharya displayed a code of Indian Language Telegraph Service before him and also before the Prime Minister at Calcutta:

(c) if so, whether the system has been considered and scrutinised by the Department; and

(d) if so, with what results?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Hindi Morse Telegraph Service which was first introduced on 1-6-49 has been considerably expanded during the first Five Year Plan. On 1-4-1951, the service was available only in 18 offices in India. On 31-3-56 the service was available at 917 offices throughout India. The total number of signallers trained in Hindi Morse Code on 31-3-56 was over 1,200. The number of Hindi telegrams handled during the year 1950-51 was 5,484 and as against this, the number of Hindi telegrams handled during 1955-56 was 58,522.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Prof. Bhattacharya's system is based on the Roman script for Hindi. Hindi, when written in the Roman script, needs more letters than when written in the Nagari script. Hence, a Morse Code based on the Roman script for Hindi needs more letters and consequently is more lengthy in transmission that when a Morse Code based on the Nagari script is used. As such Prof. Bhattacharya's code could not be accepted. The P. & T. Department is using a Hindi Morse Code based on the Nagari Script.

भोजन-व्यवस्था

*२१४१. श्री जांगड़े : क्या रेलवे मंत्री १५ मई, १९५६ के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २०५६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भोजन-व्यवस्था के उप-ठेकेदारों और रेलवे कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध जांच समाप्त हो चुकी है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब का क्या कारण है, और

(ग) आरोपित ठेकेदारों को दिये गये ठेकों को रद्द न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) : (क) और (ख). ८ ठेकेदारों के बारे में जांच पूरी हो गयी है और यह साबित नहीं हुआ है कि उन्होंने अपना ठेका पट्टे पर दिया था । बाकी चार ठेकेदारों के बारे में अभी जांच पूरी नहीं हुई है । इन से कुछ बातें पूछी गयी हैं जिनकी सूचना अभी नहीं मिली है ।

(ग) भाग (क) और (ख) में जो उत्तर दिया गया है उसे देखते हुये सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Calcutta Dock Workers

*2142. **Shri Gidwani** : Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta Dock workers refused to handle a British ship Miskeliya which docked in Calcutta Harbour on the 21st August, 1956; and