

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 international 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 than 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 अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या २०८६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भोजन-व्यवस्था के उप-ठेकेदारों और रेलवे कर्मचारियों के विशुद्ध 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

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). There was a stoppage of work on the Ship for about 3 1/2 hours on the 1st September on the allegation that the 2nd Engineer of the Ship had harassed the Engine room crew in July last.

**चीन की कृषिविकास योजनाओं का अध्ययन**

\*२१४३. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अभी हाल में चीन की कृषि-विकास योजनाओं और प्रणालियों का अध्ययन करने के लिये जो प्रतिनिधि मंडल चीन गया था उस पर कितना व्यय हुआ; और

(ख) उक्त प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने चीन से लौट कर जो रिपोर्ट सरकार को दी है, क्या उसकी मुख्य-मुख्य बातों का एक विवरण सभा के टेबल पर रखा जायेगा ?

**खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन):**

(क) अन्दाजन ४६,००० रुपयों से ज्यादा खर्च होने की उम्मीद नहीं है।

(ख) प्रतिनिधि मंडल की रिपोर्ट अभी तैयार की जा रही है और इसलिए पूछे हुए प्रश्न के विषय में अभी कुछ कहना सम्भव नहीं है।

**Provident Fund of Railway Staff**

\*2144. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of retired Railway employees as on 1st April, 1956 who have not received their Provident Fund even after a period of three years;

(b) the number of cases of gratuity pending disposal for over three years; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the expeditious disposal of the same?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected from Railways and will be placed on the table of the Lok Sabha.

(c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

The subject has been discussed at meetings which the Railway Board have held with General Managers and later on with the Deputy General Managers (Personnel) and with the Accounts Officers concerned. The procedural and other difficulties that exist in the way of early payment of Provident Fund dues are being removed as they come to light. Railway Administrations are also taking up with the staff responsible for delays in dealing with cases of payment of Provident Fund. The number of Welfare Inspectors has also been increased on some Railways and is being increased on other Railways to enable greater attention to be paid to this matter. Such Welfare Inspectors are directed to expedite disposal of cases by personal contact with the Accounts Officers and others concerned.

**Kharagpur Accident**

\*2145. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 993 on 10th August, 1956, regarding the Kharagpur Railway Accident and State:

(a) whether Government Inspector's final report, complete with findings and conclusions, has since been received; and

(b) if so, whether a copy thereof will be laid on the Table of the Sabha?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) It is still awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

**Assault on Railway Pay Clerk at Rajahmundry**

\*2146. { **Dr. Rama Rao:**  
**Shri Mohana Rao:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2467 on the 23rd May, 1956 and state:

(a) whether Government have made further enquiries in connection with an alleged assault on a Railway Pay Clerk on the Southern Railway at Rajahmundry; and

(b) if so, what the facts are?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). The matter is still under investigation by the State Government.