

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Has the hon. Minister any answer to give to that?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** We have not only to give the information which the hon. Member has asked for, but we have also to anticipate the supplementaries that may be asked, and for that purpose, we have asked for some additional information, and it is being collected.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know when this information is likely to be collected and laid on the Table of the House?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** As early as possible.

**Shri F. C. Bose:** Since there is still some time for the question hour to be over, may I request that S.Q. No. 1765 may be answered?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Is the hon. Minister in a position to answer that?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** Yes.

#### Dining Car on Toofan Express

\*1765. { Dr. Samantsinhhar:  
Shri K. C. Jena;  
Shri B. C. Mallick:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dining car in the UP and Down Toofan Express has been cancelled with effect from the 28th March, 1959; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) and (b). The dining car service from 7 UP & Dn. Toofan Express trains has been withdrawn from 1st April, 1959 with a view to reduce the over-crowding prevailing on these trains and also to run through service carriages between Barauni and Delhi on the opening of the bridge at Mokameh, for the convenience of passengers travelling between stations in the North Bihar and Delhi.

**Shri F. C. Bose:** Will it not cause very great inconvenience to the long-distance passengers?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** No, we make adequate alternative arrangements.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether every care is taken to see that this express runs punctually so that at the various stations where the passengers can get food, it arrives punctually?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** Yes, that is our constant endeavour.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** May I know for how long this dining car had been running on this train, and when was it found to be useless or unpopular?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** It has been running continuously since 1932; even before that it was running. It is being done away with not because it is unpopular, but because there is so much over-crowding and we want to provide through service between Howrah and Barauni and for other stations in North Bihar.

**Shri Prabhat Kar:** May I know whether those working in the dining car will be accommodated in other places as a result of the withdrawal of this dining car?

**Shri Shah nawas Khan:** We will look after them.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### National Health Insurance Scheme

\*1766. { Shri Kadiyaa:  
Shri Warier:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce a National Health Insurance Scheme; and