

**Kalka-Howrah Mail**

\*105. **Shri Goray:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalka-Delhi Howrah Mail takes 25 hours and 35 minutes to traverse the distance between Delhi and Howrah,

(b) whether it is also a fact that in 1935-36 Delhi Mail used to traverse the same distance in 22 hours and 50 minutes,

(c) what are the reasons for this set-back in the speed of this train, and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the speed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes

(b) 2 Down Kalka-Delhi-Howrah Mail used to take 23 hours and 59 minutes from Delhi to Howrah in April 1935 Time Table

(c) Provision of more time for temporary engineering restrictions, increased load and reduction of booked speed

(d) It will be feasible to reduce appreciably the overall journey time of this train, only when the time provided for temporary engineering restrictions is substantially reduced and the load of the train is reduced by running additional trains on the section to relieve overcrowding. There are no immediate prospects.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** The hon. Minister stated that because of certain engineering restrictions the speed could not be accelerated. May I know if these engineering restrictions do not also apply to the De Luxe tram that is running?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, of course they do. If these engineering restrictions were not there, the De Luxe train would run in even shorter time.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** How is it that the De Luxe takes lesser time than the Kalka Mail?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** It has lesser stops.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Hem Barua: Shri Khushwaqt Rai.

Wherever more than one hon. Member's name appears against a question, if I call out the first name and the hon. Member is not there, the others in whose name it stands may stand up. I will call any one of them instead of spending the time calling them one by one.

**Shri Panigrahi:** If all of them stand?

**Mr. Speaker:** I will call one of them.

**Co-operative Farming**

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\*106. { **Shri Khushwaqt Rai:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Bhakt Darshan:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Panigrahi:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Oza:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1054 on the 2nd September, 1959 and state

(a) whether the Working Group on Co-operative Farming has since submitted its report,

(b) if so, what are its recommendations, and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement them?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Not yet, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise