Provident Fund Accounts

*300. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what efforts have been made to ensure that the papers relating to settlement of the provident fund accounts, are prepared six months ahead of the date of retirement of a railway employee with a view to arrange final settlement of his accounts within 10 days of his retirement?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Instructions have been issued to the Railway Administrations for the maintenance of an index register of employees retiring six months hence both in executive and accounts offices and for recording therein the various steps taken in each case for settling the dues so that every case is followed up intensively and systematically

Derailment of Goods Trains

*301 Shri Tangamani:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri D C Sharma:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

- (a) whether it is a fact that derailments of goods trains were on the increase during December 1958 and January 1959,
- (b) what are the causes for such derailments,
- (c) whether it is a fact that 28 wagons of Mogulsarai bound Goods Train from Howrah on Eastern Railway derailed on the 19th January, 1959,
- (d) the details and causes of the same, and
- (e) the steps Government propose to take to prevent such derailments?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Finalised figures for the month of January, 1959 are not yet available During the

months of November and December, 1958, however, for which finalised figures are available, the number of Goods Train Derailments on the Indian Government Railways has recorded a decline as compared to the previous months, viz April, 1958 onwards

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- (b) Finalised statistics for the period under reference are not yet available
- (c) and (d) At about 1705 hours on 19th January, 1959, while Special Goods Train No 9 was passing between Saidraja and Chandauli-Majhwar stations of the Eastern Railway, one wagon got detailed due to breakage of its right leading Wheel Tyre, resulting in the derailment of succeeding 27 wagons also
- (e) Steps taken to reduce the incidence of such accidents are detailed in the pamphlet entitled 'Factual Review of Accidents on Indian Government Railways', a copy of which has been supplied to the hon Members of this House

Electric Trains between Asansol and Rourkela

*303. Shri B. C. Mullick. Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to-state

- (a) whether it is a fact that the preliminary work has been started for the running of electric trains between Asansol and Rourkela, and
- (b) if so, when the final work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S V Ramaswamy) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) It is planned to be completed before the end of 1960

Telephone Directory

*304 \ Shri Khadiwala: Shri K. B Malvia:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the various regional languages in which the Telephone Directory is published besides English; and
- (b) whether the publication of the Telephone Directory in each of the regional languages is under consideration?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Hindi and Gujeratí

(b) Yes

Airstrip at Bhuntar (Kula)

*305. Shri Hem Raj. Shri D. C Sharma.

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 587 on the 4th December, 1958 and state

- (a) whether Government have since received the report of the Director General of Civil Aviation for the construction of an Airstrip at Bhuntar in Kulu Valley, and
- (b) if so, whether a copy of it will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b) The report has since been received and is under consideration of the Government

Hyderabad and Secunderabad Water Works

- *306. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 770 on the 9th December, 1958 and state
- (a) the total amount asked for by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the remodelling of the Hyderabad and Secunderabad Water Works and Drainage Scheme, and
 - (b) the amount paid so far?

Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar); (a) Rs 1000 lakhs

(b) Out of an allocation of Rs 5 lakhs for 1958-59, a sum of Rs 375 lakhs had already been paid to the State Government as ways and means advances upto 31st December, 1958. The final adjustment sanction will be issued before the end of the current financial year on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by the Corporations of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Shifting of Western Railway Technical Training School to Udaipur

*307. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Western Railway Technical Training School is going to be shifted from Aimer to Udaipur, and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) (a) No

(b) Does not arise

Export of Sugar

Shri Ram Krishan: Shri Naval Prabhakar: Shri Bhakt Darshan: *308. 4 Shri D C. Sharma Shri Jadhav: Shri Supakar: Shrı Daljit Singh.

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement showing

- (a) the total quantity of sugar allowed for export during 1958-59,
- (b) the quantity of sugar which was actually exported country-wise during above period, and
 - (c) net gam of foreign exchange?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A P. Jain): (a) A quantity of 50,000 tons was released in June, 1958 out of 1957-58 production for export upto 31st January, 1959 further quantity of one lakh tons has been fixed as the quota for export out of 1958-59 season's production