

There is at present no proposal to impose distance restriction by Hyderabad|Howrah Express trains.

STATEMENT

The third class passengers are not allowed to travel by Howrah|Madras Mails:—

- (a) Between any two station on the Howrah-Khurda Road length (both inclusive).
- (ii) Between any station on the Howrah-Khurda Road length (both inclusive) and any station on the:—
 - (a) Cuttack-Talcher Branch.
 - (b) Khurda Road-Puri Branch, and
 - (c) Rupsa-Baripada Branch.
- (iii) or distances less than 160 kilometres between any two stations on the Khurda Road|Waltair length (both inclusive).

Bombay-Vijayawada Janata Express

200. **Shri R. N. Reddi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce Bombay,Vijayawada Janata Express via Wadi and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, when the same is likely to be introduced?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) and (b) There is no proposal to introduce a Janata Express train between Bombay and Vijayawara via Wadi and Secunderabad in the near future.

Confirmation of Assistant Permanent Way Inspectors in Delhi Division

201. { **Shri Buta Singh.**
Shri Gulshan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the confirmation of the Assistant Permanent Way Inspectors on the Northern Railway has not been made for the past many years in Delhi Division;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) when these confirmations are likely to be made?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) to (c) No. The confirmations were actually made in June, 1959. They are again being made very shortly.

Damage to Railway Track during current Rainy Season

202. **Shri D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the damage done to Railway tracks during the current rainy season; and

(b) the loss of revenue due to the breaches in lines?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) The damage to Railway track (including bridges) so far, during the current rainy season after 1st June 1962) has been assessed roughly at Rs. 11:00 lakhs.

(b) It is not possible at this stage to assess the loss of revenue on goods and passenger traffic as a result of dislocation of train services, since in most cases, there is only a temporary decline in earnings which are partly made good subsequently after the traffic is restored.

Farm Planning

203. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri Ram Rattan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to start two farm planning projects to provide on a continuing basis effective guidance

to experts on farm planning in the States; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir. Two pilot research projects in farm planning, one in the North and the other in the South, are proposed to be started for conducting research on methodological aspects of farm planning techniques suitable for use under Indian conditions. The experience of these two projects is expected to be useful for guidance in farm planning to the officers of the neighbouring States.

(b) For each project, a village with representative farming conditions, of the region, will be selected. In each village a group of ten farmers, with varying conditions in respect of resources, cropping pattern etc. will be selected and plans will be developed for these farmers. Two or three sets of alternative plans using different techniques will be developed for each farmer taking into consideration the managerial ability of the farmer, availability of resources, personal preferences and risk bearing capacity of the farmer. Farm Record Books will be maintained to collect data on the implemented plans and to assess the costs and returns of these. The experience of the project will help in providing guidance to neighbouring States on farm planning. Data collected under the project will provide useful material for farm planning training also.

Fire in 'Indian Shipper'

204. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total damage to the Cargo on 'Indian Shipper' when it caught fire on the 6th May, 1962;

(b) the cause of the fire; and

(c) whether a statement would be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communi-

cations (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) The vessel is expected to reach Calcutta by the end of this month. On its arrival, a preliminary inquiry will be held by the Mercantile Marine Department, Calcutta. It is on the completion of the inquiry alone that details regarding damage to cargo and the cause of the fire will become available.

Sethusamudra Scheme

205. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preliminary report has been prepared by the Chief Engineer, Madras on Sethusamudra Scheme;

(b) whether the report has been submitted to Government; and

(c) if so, steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

हिसार में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन

२०६. श्री बागड़ी : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिंसा शहर में कितने नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन की दरखास्तें जेरे तजवीज़ हैं ; और

(ख) ऐसी दरखास्तें कब से जेरे और हैं और इनको कनेक्शन देने में क्यों देरी की जा रही है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) १०७। इन में से ३७ टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देने के लिये आदेश पत्र जारी किये जा चुके हैं और उन्हें शीघ्र ही लगा दिया जाएगा।

(ख) सबसे पुराने आवेदन-पत्र की तारीख ११ जुलाई, १९६१ है। मौजूदा एक्स-