

patched by ordinary post on the ground that a signaller is not found at work at signalling beyond certain specified limits;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to find out the actual state of things in this regard and if so, the result thereof; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to improve efficiency and performance in our telegraphic communications?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No. The percentage of the posted telegrams is on the average 1 and below.

(b) Yes. The subject of posting of telegrams is always under special scrutiny. Necessary remedial measures are taken wherever called for.

(c) These matters are constantly under examination of the P. & T. Board and of the Regional Organisations in the country and necessary steps to improve efficiency and performance are being taken from time to time.

Dead Body in Railway Compartment

32. { Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dead body with a leg severed from it was recovered from a third class compartment near Ghaziabad sometime towards the end of December, 1963 and if so, whether the crime has been traced;

(b) whether more similar cases have been reported on the Northern Railway; and

(c) the specific steps being taken for the protection of life of railway travellers?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) Yes. The case is still under police investigation.

(b) No such cases reported on Northern Railway in 1963.

(c) Prevention and detection of crime and prosecution of offenders are the responsibility of the State Police. Police Train Guards are detailed by them in important night trains. Close co-operation is being maintained with the Government Railway Police at all times for the control of crime. Full assistance is given to them by the Railway Protection Force whenever necessary or required.

Shipping Facilities for Export of Iron Ore

33. { Shri Warlor:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of iron ore from South Canara ports has been held up owing to lack of shipping facilities; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to overcome the snag?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir. Government have not received any complaints in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Air Accident near Agra

34. { Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 42 on the 19th