

FAILURE OF LOCOMOTIVES

429. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the monthly average failure of engines in terms of miles on the Northern Railway only in respect of the ex-Bikaner State before and after re-grouping?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Average miles per engine failure during 1951-52 before regrouping stood at 93,354 miles and during 1952-53 after regrouping at 65,290 miles.

डबोक का हवाई अड्डा

४३०. श्री बलबन्त सिंह महता : क्या संचरण मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या राजस्थान के डबोक के हवाई अड्डे को पंचवर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस के निर्माण पर कितनी राशि व्यय होने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) इस के पूरा होने में कितना समय लगने की सम्भावना है ;

(घ) इस का निर्माण कब से आरम्भ होगा ; और

(ङ) इस पर इस वर्ष कितना रूपया व्यय होने की सम्भावना है ?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The Plan provides for the construction of some new aerodromes. One of these is proposed to be constructed at DABOK (Udaipur) though its precise priority has not yet been finally settled.

(b) About Rs. 7.5 lakhs.

(c) 3 years.

(d) As soon as certain essential preliminaries are completed.

(e) A provision of Rs. 20,000/- has been made in the current year's bud-

get to enable the work to be commenced. Further funds will be diverted according to requirements.

HINDI SECTION

431. Dr. N. B. Khare: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened a Hindi Section in the Ministry for sending reply in Hindi to letters which are received in Hindi;

(b) if so, the number of letters received in the Ministry in Hindi and replied in Hindi during the period from 1st January, 1953 to 31st July, 1953; and

(c) if all of them were not replied in Hindi, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) For the seven months ending 31st July 53, the Hindi Section dealt with 1415 inward and 346 outward letters.

(c) As far as possible, Hindi letters are replied to in Hindi. Some of them, however, do not call for replies and are filed; others are forwarded in original for necessary action to the railway administrations concerned. Some are in the process of being dealt with. Where the answer involves complicated legal or technical terms the reply has for the present to be in English.

UNA-NANGAL RAILWAY LINE

432. Prof. D. C. Sharma: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the survey of Una-Nangal Railway line has been made?

(b) If so, is there any proposal to construct this Railway line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Replies are in the negative.

BEZWADA RAILWAY HOSPITAL

433. Dr. Rama Rao: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when an X-ray plant was sanc-