

POSTAL STAFF IN ANDHRA

353. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the total staff employed (class-wise) under the control of his Minis-

try in Andhra State in Class I, Class II, Class III and Class IV Services?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Name of the Department	Staff employed in Andhra State			
		Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
(1)	Posts and Telegraphs Department	3	19	5093	1569
(2)	Civil Aviation Department	Nil	3	44	54
(3)	India Meteorological Department	Nil	Nil	20	10
TOTAL		3	22	5157	1633

INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

354. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have approached the United Nations for financial aid for a pilot project to develop Inland Water Transport in the upper Ganges; and

(b) if so, with what effect?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. The Government of India approached the United Nations for technical and financial aid for a pilot project to test the feasibility of using shallow draft tugs to tow barges on the Upper Ganga. The United Nations responded to the request for technical aid by deputing Mr. J. J. Surie, a naval architect who visited India in 1952. The question of obtaining financial aid is under consideration.

RAILWAY TRAINS, N. E. RAILWAY

355. **Shri Brohmo-Choudhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of trains (including goods, passengers, mails) running in the Pandu Region of the North Eastern Railway Zone?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The total number of trains (which includes goods, mail, express, passenger and mixed) is 276.

RAILWAY SCHOOLS

356. **Shri Brohmo-Choudhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of fully managed Railway English Middle and High Schools, if any, in each Zone?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): A statement is herewith attached.

STATEMENT

The number of English High and Middle Schools under the direct management of Indian Railways.

Railway	Middle Schools	High Schools
Central	5	1
Eastern	12	10
Northern	1	3
North-Eastern	1	3
Southern	6	2
Western	2	3
TOTAL	27	22

ASSAM RAIL LINK

357. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many breaches occurred during this year in the Assam Link and in the Assam part of the North Eastern Railway?

(b) What is the extent of damage or loss?

(c) Have all the breaches been repaired?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) There were no actual breaches of the track on the Assam Rail Link during this year but, due to damage to the protection works at a bridge between Hasimara and Madarihah, through train services were suspended at the site on two occasions as a precautionary measure and transhipment of passengers, luggage, perishables done while repairs were effected.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

THROUGH-TRAIN FOR PALIZAGHAT RAILWAY STATION

358. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers booked for Patna from places west of Chapra have to wait

at Sonapore (N. E. Railway) Railway Station for about two hours before getting a connection for Patna;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no through-train or carriage for passengers for Palizaghat Railway Station to places west of Chapra such as Siwan, Gorakhpur etc.; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to do anything in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, except in the case of two trains which have immediate connections—after 10 minutes in one case and 45 minutes in the other case.

(b) There is no through train but there is one third class through coach service between Paleza Ghat and Savan.

(c) A representation was received for a through train between Paleza Ghat and Savan, but it is not feasible to introduce such a train at present due to paucity of coaches and locomotives.

OVER-BRIDGE AT GUNTUR RAILWAY STATION

359. **Shri S. V. L. Narasimham:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to con-