

OWN-YOUR-OWN-EXCHANGE SCHEME

588. **Shri Krishnaacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many "own your own exchanges" are working in the country at present; and

(b) the names of places where they are working?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) eight.

- (b) 1. Budaun.
2. Malegaon.
3. Kapadwanj.
4. Tirupathi.
5. Bulsar.
6. Devangere.
7. Anand.
8. Ichhalkaranji.

USE OF ALIGNMENT

589. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 844 asked on the 9th March, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the alignment constructed between Lucknow Junction and Aishbagh station on the North Eastern Railway is being used for the purpose for which it was meant; and

(b) if not, the purpose for which it is used?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir, for running trains between Kanpur and Lucknow Junction without reversal at Aishbagh.

(b) Does not arise.

RAISED PLATFORMS

590. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations on the North Eastern Railway which have not been provided with raised platforms;

(b) whether there are stations on the North Eastern Railway which have got their plinth much below the platform level; and

(c) if so, their number?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 438.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Fifty.

रेलगाड़ियों में डकैती

५९१. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलगाड़ी संख्या ३०२ के एक डिब्बे में यात्रा करती हुई दो महिलाओं को २५ अगस्त, १९५४ की रात को लूटा गया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस समय उनके बचाव के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई थी ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री मल-गेशन) : (क) विभिन्न रेलों पर ३०२ नंबर की कई गाड़ियां हैं। यदि यह मान लिया जाय कि संकेत अमृतसर से दिल्ली जाने वाली नं० ३०२ अमृतसर मेल की ओर है तो उत्तर हां में है।

(ख) जानकारी प्राप्त की जा रही है और जाने पर सदन में प्रस्तुत की जायेगी।

COAL TRADERS' STRIKE AT DELHI

592. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 58 on the 18th November, 1954 and state:

(a) the number of wagons of hard and soft coke which were refused to be unloaded by the dealers at New Delhi Station on the 24th September, 1954; and