

(b) 8.

**PASSENGER AMENITIES**

52. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for passenger amenities on the Northern Railway during the years 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55;

(b) the amount actually spent during each of the three years; and

(c) the amount spent during each of these years on construction of new stations or the remodelling of old ones?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a)—  
(In thousands of Rs.)

1952-53	53.87
1953-54	50.00
1954-55	43.00
(b) 1952-53	36.15
1953-54	38.56
1954-55	Not yet available.

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**CRIMES ON RAILWAYS**

53. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders committed in the higher class compartments of the Railway trains all over the country during 1953 and up till September 1954; and

(b) the number of cases in which the culprits could be traced out and put on trial?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):**

During 1953	During 1954 (up till September).
(a) 3	3
(b) 3	3

**INTERNATIONAL WHEAT BOARD**

54. **Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of wheat purchased from the International Wheat Board during 1954-55 at the time of its storage in godowns in India; and

(b) the monthly off-take of wheat from the present stocks held by the Government of India?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The cost of wheat so far purchased under the International Wheat Agreement during 1954-55 ex-storage depots in India works out to between Rs. 12/12/- to Rs. 13/8/- per maund.

(b) The monthly off-take of wheat from Central Government stocks varies from month to month, but average is about 1 lakh to 1.2 lakh tons.

**PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT**

55. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any order has been placed with Messrs. De. Havillands for the purchase of some aircrafts for the use of Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) if so, the number of planes ordered;

(c) the price of each;

(d) whether any officer of the Corporation was sent to get some special equipments installed in the planes;

(e) if so, the nomenclature of those equipments; and

(f) the main advantages derived therefrom?

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

(b) Eight.

(c) Approx. Rs. 7,00,000 each.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

**CRIMES ON RAILWAYS**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of cases of robberies and