

the S. S. "Maria Stathatos" and the S. S. "Kyma" were found overloaded at the port of Madras and none at Bombay or Cochin.

(b) Both these ships were of Greek Nationality.

(c) The Master of the S. S. "Maria Stathatos" was prosecuted under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, and fined Rs. 3,250 by the Madras High Court. The question of taking any penal action in the case of the S. S. "Kyma" did not arise because the fact that she was overloaded came to notice after she had actually commenced loading operations in Madras. When the fact of her being overloaded was brought to the Master's notice he took steps to lighten her to her proper marking.

#### TRAIN SERVICE

**635. Shri Brohmo-Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend (i) the 305 Up and the 306 Down North Bengal Express trains to and from Amingaon instead of from Alipur-Duar to Maniharighat, (ii) the parcel passenger train from Maniharighat to Amingaon instead of up to Siliguri Junction and (iii) Dhubri-Sorbhog train up to Amingaon, for the convenience of the travelling public; and

(b) if so, when?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). It is proposed to extend Nos. 305 Up and 306 Down North Bengal Express trains to and from Amingaon sometime about the middle of this year, after the railway rehabilitation work, which is being carried out with expedition, is completed. There are no proposals at present for the extension to and from Amingaon of Nos. 517 Up and 518 Down Kathihar-Siliguri Parcel Passenger trains and Nos. 625 Up and 626 Down Dhubri-Sorbhog trains.

#### T. B. SANATORIUM IN TRIPURA

**636. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rudra Sagar Palace Nir Mahal of the Maharaja of Tripura has been offered to Government for the opening of a T.B. Sanatorium; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to utilise this building?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

#### RAILWAY STATIONS

**637. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the stations on the North Eastern Railway situated in the Samastipur and Sonapore districts, of which census of the incoming and outgoing passengers and income has been taken during 1954;

(b) the figures of the census; and

(c) the purpose of the census and the action taken by Government consequent upon the result of the census?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No census was taken at any of the stations.

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

#### रत्नबे बर्कराष

६२८. श्री पी० एल० बालूपात : क्या रत्नबे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आजकल भारतीय रेलों पर ऐसे कितने बर्कराष हैं, जहाँ (१) लाहें और लकड़ी के ढिब्बे निर्मित होते हैं, और (२) इंजनों की पूरी फिटिंग की जाती है; और