

of the ships with the Indian flag is unsatisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cold storage do not usually exist;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ships plying in Indian waters have fittings unsuited to tropical climates; and

(d) whether his attention has been drawn to representations by such employees regarding lack of security of service on board and also regarding lack of recreational and other facilities at sea and at port ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) to (c). No.

(d) No such representation has been received by Government. Service in the majority of Indian Shipping Companies is no less secure than in any other commercial profession and adequate recreational facilities are available for seaman at sea and at port.

Theft in Railway Godowns

801. Shri C. R. Chowdary : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of persons arrested in August, 1955 in connection with the theft of articles in the railway godown at Amritsar ?

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

Departmental Catering

802. Shri Gadilingana Gowd : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Railway routes on which the departmental catering is in vogue on the Southern Railways ; and

(b) whether the Alagesan Committee has suggested any changes in this system of catering ?

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

Madras—Waltair.
Madras—Raichur.
Madras—Bangalore.
Madras Egmore—Madura.
Trichinopoly—Dhanushkodi.
Poona—Hubli—Guntakal—Bezwada.
Guntakal—Bangalore.
Jalarpet—Coimbatore

(b) No

Post Offices in Purnea District

803. Shri M. Islamuddin : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices in the district of purnea in 1947 and the number at present; and

(b) the steps which Government have taken to increase the frequency of service in the rural areas of Purnea ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) 107 on 31-3-47 (including 11 combined offices) and 273 on 31-3-55 (including 15 combined offices).

(b) 163 post offices have been opened which have shortened the delivery jurisdiction of existing post offices and thereby increased the frequency of service in rural areas of Purnea District.

रेलवे द्वारा लगाई हुई पूंजी

८०४. श्री के० सी० सोषिया : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५५-५६ में रेलवे किन-किन राज्यों के सड़क परिवहन उपक्रमों में नई पूंजी लगा रही है ; और

(ख) १९५४-५५ में इन सड़क सेवाओं से रेलवे को कितना वास्तविक लाभ हुआ ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री ओ० श्री० ब्रह्मगोपाल) : (क) १९५५-५६ में राज्यों के सड़क-यातायात उपक्रमों (State Road transport undertakings) में वही पूंजी लगाने के बारे में अभी कोई पक्का फैसला नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) इसकी सूचना अभी नहीं मिली है ।

Ticketless Travellers

805. Shri H. G. Vaishnav : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of ticketless travellers detected on the Central Railways during 1954-55 ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : 5,79,269.