

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) :** (a) and (b). Arrangements already exist for reservation of seating accommodation in II Class from the starting stations on certain long-distance trains.

#### Water Charges

**1168. Chaudhri Muhammed Shaf-fee :** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that class IV employees of the Posts and Telegraphs Department in Delhi are paying rupee one and annas eight as water charges for the water community taps whereas the class IV employees of the other Departments are paying twelve annas only ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this disparity ; and

(c) when these charges will be reduced ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur)** (a) and (b). There is the disparity as pointed out. In the P. & T. Department in Delhi and New Delhi, the charges of Rs. 1-8-0 have been fixed in reference to the actual consumption of water in the quarters and even then this rate is a concessional one inasmuch as the balance of water charges which works out to about Rs. 6,600 per annum is paid by the P. & T. Department.

(c) The case will be reviewed after 31-3-1956 in order to see if any revision is possible.

#### Road Accidents in Delhi

**1170. Shri Radha Raman :** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of road accidents during the year ending the 31st March, 1955, in Delhi State ; and

(b) how these figures compare with those of the previous year ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) 1,123.

(b) The number of accidents during the previous year was 972.

#### तांबे के तार की खोरी

**११७१. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४-५५ में टेलीफोन और टेलीग्राफ के तारों को काटने और उन्हें चुराने के कितने मामले हुये हैं ;

(ख) कितने मामलों में अपराधियों का पता लगा ; और

(ग) कितने व्यक्तियों को न्यायालयों ने दंड दिया ?

**संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :**

(क) १९५४-५५ में चोरियों की घटनाओं की कुल संख्या ३,४९६ थी ।

(ख) न्यायालयों में ९७ मामले चलाये गये और संदिग्ध व्यक्तियों की संख्या ३०१ थी ।

(ग) न्यायालयों द्वारा ६३ व्यक्तियों को दंड दिया गया ।

#### Wireless Operators

**1172. Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the number of Wireless Operators and Maintenance personnel working on the Northern Railway at present ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) :** Wireless Operators 91

Maintenance personnel 54

#### Passenger Amenities

**1173. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the progress made so far on Passenger Amenities works on the Western Railway during the year 1955-56 ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) :** Out of a total of 408 works, 31 works have already been completed, 245 are in progress and 132 are still required to be taken in hand, for which either the estimates have been sanctioned or are in the process of sanction.

Against an allotment of Rs. 60 lakhs, Rs. 2,78,000 had been spent upto end of May, 1955. The progress of expenditure in the first two months of the financial year is generally slow on account of the start of the financial year and increases as the financial year advances and the tempo of work is accelerated. The Railway expects to spend the entire allotment made to them during the year.