

(b) Yes.

(c) Name of firms.	Amount of additional security.
M/s. Bajjnath Sarda	Rs. 1,10,400/- since reduced to Rs. 18,200/-
M/s. S. Lal & Co. Ltd.	Rs. 1,05,250/- since reduced to Rs. 27,100/-

(d) and (e). The Credit Note facility was withdrawn from M/s. Bajjnath Sarda as they failed to deposit the additional security demanded from them; but this facility has been subsequently restored to them from 25-8-1955, on their depositing the reduced demand of additional security.

### Railway Coaches

1324. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Shell Coaches imported during 1954 and 1955 so far; and

(b) the time it will take to put them into use?

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

1954	{	34 Broad Gauge
		288 Metre Gauge.

Total: 322

1955	{	16 Broad Gauge.
		112 Metre Gauge.

Total: 128

(b) By the middle of 1956.

### Passenger Amenities

1325. **Shri Dhulya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger trains which run between Gorakhpur and Gonda are not provided with lights and fans in the Coaches attached to them;

(b) whether it is a fact that III class coaches on these trains go without water in latrines;

(c) whether it is also a fact the sweepers are also not available to clean the latrines of coaches on any station; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. All rakes are fully watered before leaving Gorakhpur or Gonda.

(c) No. Carriage cleaners and sweepers are available at Gorakhpur and Gonda. Sweepers are also available at important intermediate stations.

(d) Does not arise.

### Indian Airlines Corporation

1326. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to take to modernise the present fleet of aircrafts;

(b) whether any directions have been given to the Indian Airlines Corporation by Government to formulate a scheme for such modernisation;

(c) when the new aircrafts will begin to operate and on what routes; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to improve the night Air Mail Service to provide safety and comfort to passengers?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). With the approval of Government, the Indian Airlines Corporation has placed orders for 5 Viscount aircraft. Provision has also been proposed in the Second Five Year Plan for the purchase of 5 more Viscount aircraft and 28 medium-sized modern aircraft of a suitable type for replacing the Dakotas.

(c) The first 5 Viscounts are expected to be delivered during the second half of 1957 and will be operated on major trunk routes to the neighbouring countries. It is not possible to indicate at present when the other type of aircraft will become available and will be put in service.

(d) It is proposed to operate the night Mail Services with the Skymaster type of aircraft. The Corporation have for this purpose recently acquired 3 such aircraft in addition to the three aircraft of this type already with them.