

proposal to have any flag stations between Sitamarhi and Bajpathy and between Righa and Dhang in North Eastern Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) :** No. such proposal has been received recently. The proposals received in the past were investigated but were not found justified

#### Railway Vendors

472. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :**  
**Babu Ramnarayan Singh :**  
**Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the safeguards provided to protect the vendors from victimisation by the contractors for making complaints of sub-letting to the authorities?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) :** No specific safeguards as such have been provided.

All complaints of victimisation are gone into and appropriate action taken on the merits of each case.

#### Sugar-cane

473. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :**  
**Babu Ramnarayan Singh :**  
**Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names of the States in which the sugar factory owners are engaging Co-operative Societies as sole purchasing agents on their behalf?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture ( Shri A. P. Jain ) :** Cane growers' Co-operative Societies for supplying cane to factories exist only in U.P., Bihar, Punjab and Pepsu. In these States cane growers, who are members of Co-operative Societies, is purchased by factories only through such Societies. In U.P. and Punjab, more than 90 per cent of the cane crushed by factories is purchased through Co-operatives. In Bihar and PEPSU almost half of the quantity crushed is so purchased.

#### Dakotas

474. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1165 on the 27th September, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the results of the tests conducted on the Dakota type of aircraft has been studied ; and

(b) if so, the findings thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications ( Shri Raj Bahadur ) :** (a) and (b). A report has been received from the Director General of Civil Aviation on the tests conducted on Dakota aircraft and is now under examination. The Director General of Civil Aviation's conclusion is that the all up weight allowed in India is quite safe and the performance of the aircraft is satisfactory.

#### Agricultural Labour

475. **Shri Mohana Rao :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the action that Government have taken on the Report of the Agricultural Labour Enquiry Committee?

**The Minister of Labour ( Shri Khandubhai Desai ) :** The Reports on the Agricultural Labour Enquiry have been sent to all State Governments. The problems of agricultural labour as revealed by the enquiry were discussed by the Indian Labour Conference which met in Bombay in May, 1955 and also by the Labour Ministers' Conference which met at Hyderabad in November, 1955. The problems are receiving attention in connection with the formulation of the Second Five Year Plan.

#### Mail Transport Runners

476. **Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shan :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more runners are needed, for mail transport in the hilly regions; and

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to increase their strength?

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

(b) The strength of runners to convey mails on a particular line is always sanctioned in consonance with the weight of mail and the distance to be covered and as such the question of considering an increase in the strength of runners does not in fact arise.

#### रेल के डिब्बे

४७७. श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय कितने प्रतिशत तीसरे दर्जे के रेल के डिब्बों में पंखे लगे हुये हैं; और

(ख) सब डिब्बों में कब तक पंखे लग जायेंगे ?