

(c) what are the present arrangements for preservation and exhibition of valuable articles of maritime importance for the benefit of nautical students and persons interested in maritime matters?

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

(b) Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(c) No special arrangements for the purpose exist at present. However, a few exhibits of maritime interest are preserved in museums in some of the cities. A few articles of maritime importance to nautical students are also on show at the Nautical and Engineering College, Bombay.

#### Rampur-Haldwani Rail Link

**603. Shri B. D. Pande:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal for the construction of a Broad-gauge connection between Rampur and Haldwani?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** A Traffic Survey for a 38 mile long Broad Gauge/Metre Gauge Railway line between Rampur and Lalkua has been sanctioned on 14-9-55 and the Survey is in progress. The question of extending the scope of the Survey from Rampur to Haldwani instead of to Lalkua is being examined.

#### राजमार्ग पर दुर्घटना

६०४: श्री श्रीका भाई : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राज मार्ग संख्या ८ के रिखबदेव, उदयपुर सैक्शन पर मलवे के नीचे दब कर मिस्त्रियों और श्रमिकों की मृत्यु हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो हताहतों की संख्या क्या है; और किस परिस्थिति में दुर्घटना हुई ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). Three labourers were killed on 30th April, 1955, while engaged on the work of widening the road in mile 13 furlong 7 of the Udaipur—Rikhabdeb—Kherwara Section of National Highway No. 8. The accident was due to an unexpected landslide.

#### Bombay Port

**605. Shri M. D. Joshi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of country craft visiting Bombay harbour during every fair season;

(b) whether there is any dry-docking arrangement for repairs and cleaning of these crafts in Bombay harbour; and

(c) if not, what other facilities are available to them?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Information regarding the number of sailing vessels which visited the Bombay Harbour has been collected only for one "fair season", viz., the period from September, 1954 to May, 1955. This shows that there were 24,227 visits by sailing vessels to various Bunders in the Bombay Harbour during that period. In addition there were also about 11,800 visits by small creek boats bringing sand.

(b) and (c). There is no dry-dock available for repairs to sailing vessels in the Bombay Harbour but adequate facilities at several bunders including two slipways at Sassoon Dock and Mallet Bunder where sailing vessels can be beached and/or repairs to sailing vessels carried out.

#### Delhi Road Transport Service

**606. Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on all functional occasions on Ramlila Grounds in Delhi the normal bus services are suspended for hours causing inconvenience to passengers; and

(b) if so, the remedies for the situation?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). When functions are held at Ramlila Grounds necessitating the closing of Circular Road to heavy vehicular traffic, the Delhi Transport Service buses are diverted to the nearest convenient road on the instructions of the Delhi Traffic Police. On such occasions the Delhi Transport Services are diverted as follows:—

Route No. Route on which the service is diverted

3	}	From Odeon, via Chelmsford Road-Desh Bandhu Gupta Road (Over Paharganj Railway Bridge) to Ajmeri Gate.
12		
4	}	From Odeon via Rouse Avenue
17		Mirdard Road to Delh
21		Gate.
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