

(b) whether any minimum educational qualification is necessary for the promotion of class IV staff of lower grade to higher grade where a regular avenue of promotion exists ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Posts in the grade Rs. 55-85 are filled by promotion of class IV staff.

(b) No, Sir, but a minimum standard of literacy is essential.

इन्डियन एयरलाइन्स कारपोरेशन

८३६. श्री के० सी० सोषिया : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि इन्डियन एयरलाइन्स कारपोरेशन के सन् १९५५-५६ के बजट में "बुकिंग एजेंसी कमीशन" के शीर्षक में जिस व्यय का अनुमान लगाया गया है वह पिछले वर्ष के अनुमान से तीन लाख रुपये कम है, और यदि हां, तो इस के कारण क्या हैं ?

संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : सन् १९५५-५६ का "बुकिंग एजेंसी कमीशन" शीर्षक के व्यय का अनुमान पिछले वर्ष के व्यय के अनुमान से दो लाख पचपन हजार रुपये कम है। कमी का कारण यह है कि "बुकिंग एजेंटों" की संख्या में कमी हुई है और कारपोरेशन बुकिंग का स्वयं कुछ अधिक काम करना चाहती है।

Railway Accidents

837. **Shri Natarajan :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that major accidents have occurred in the Southern Railway, due to M. & S. M. C-type star-marked goods-wagons on the line ;

(b) what is the total number of such 'C' type star-marked wagons on the line ; and

(c) whether there is any mechanical defect in the construction of these wagons ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) There were 13 accidents on the Southern Railway between April, 1954 to November,

1955 which were attributed to defects in star-marked 'C' type Wagons.

(b) 1641.

(c) No, special steps are, however, being taken to replace worn running gear and weakened springs etc.

Civil Aviation Employees

838. **Shri Gopala Rao :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether and if so, decision has since been arrived at regarding the grant of Assam allowance to the civil aviation employees stationed in the aerodromes in Assam ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : The matter is under consideration.

Co-operative Organisation in Punjab and West Bengal

839. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**
Babu Ram Narayan Singh:
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the co-operative organisations of East Punjab and West Bengal have been affected by the partition of India ;

(b) whether there has been any agreement about claims of co-operative organisations against Pakistan ;

(c) if so, the terms of the agreement; and

(d) the difficulty in the implementation of the agreement ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) to (d). The material is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as it is received.

Sub-Post Offices in Orissa

840. **Shri K. C. Jena :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sub-post offices in the State of Orissa and the number of the same working in rented buildings ;

(b) the number of sub-post offices in that State which have been provided with Government buildings from the year 1951 to June 1955 year-wise and district-wise ;

(c) the names of the sub-post offices for which Government buildings are