

LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS

254. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions in 1955 the trains booked for Palezghat ran late;

(b) whether Maherghat and Digha-ghat were informed about the late running of the train on all occasions and whether consequent late arrival of the steamers were duly notified by the ghat stations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 1580 occasions.

(b) and (c). No, due to absence of telephone connection between Palezghat and Digha Ghat or Mahendru Ghat. The question of providing a telephone connection is under consideration.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS

255. Shri R. K. Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no vegetarian refreshment rooms at Stations between Delhi-Bhatinda, Rewari-Bikaner and Delhi-Ambala lines of Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps that Government propose to take in this direction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, except that there is a combined vegetarian and non-vegetarian refreshment room at Ratangarh, between Rewari and Bikaner.

(b) It is not proposed to open any new refreshment rooms on these sections, as the needs of the passengers

are adequately catered for by the following arrangements that are available:

*Section**Existing catering arrangements*

Delhi-Bhatinda. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian Refreshment Rooms at Delhi and Bhatinda.

Buffet Car Service on 369 Up/370 Dn. between Delhi and Bhatinda.

Tea stalls and vending at Delhi, Delhi Kishangunj, Shakurbasti, Bahadurgarh, Sampla, Rohtak, Jind, Narwana, Jakhal and Bhatinda.

Delhi-Ambala. Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian Refreshment Rooms at Delhi and Ambala Cantt.

Buffet Car on 3 Up/4 Dn. between Delhi and Ambala Cantt.

Tea stalls and vending at Delhi, Sabzimandi, Sonepat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Ambala.

Rewari-Bikaner. Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian Refreshment Rooms at Rewari and Ratangarh.

Buffet car on 1BBR/2 BBR and Dining car on 401 Up/402 Dn. between Ratangarh and Bikaner.

Tea stalls and vending at Rewari, Loharu, Sadulpur, Churu, Ratangarh and Bikaner.

AIR SERVICE TO BARODA

256. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) when the air service through Baroda will start; and

(b) the type of aircraft that will be used for this purpose?