

(b) Yes. A request for a grant-in-aid for the Scheme was received from the Orissa State Government and the grant-in-aid of Rs. 30,000 was sanctioned on the 24th November, 1955.

FIRST AND SECOND CLASS COACHES ON
NORTHERN RAILWAY

2548. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Railway lines of the Northern Railway on which First and Second Class coaches have been discontinued ;

(b) the number of the third class coaches running on the Northern Railway which have been provided with electric fans ; and

(c) whether it is the intention of Government to provide third class coaches with electric fans on lines on which first and second class coaches have been discontinued ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) None recently. However, on certain branch lines shown in the statement, laid on the Table of the House either the First or the Second Class accommodation is not provided on some trains and this has been the position for some time [See Appendix XV, annexeure No. 29].

(b) 428 up to 31-3-56.

(c) Provision of fans in third class coaches is not confined to the trains which have no First & Second class accommodation. They are provided in all trains on a programmed basis, irrespective of whether such trains do not or do provide either First or Second Class accommodation, and the intention is, ultimately, to provide fans in all third class coaches.

LEVEL CROSSINGS

2549. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the new railway crossings proposed to be constructed and old ones proposed to be widened during 1956-57 in the Punjab and Himachal States ; and

(b) the names of the places where they are proposed to be constructed and provided ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). Such information is normally available only railwaywise.

It is, however, understood that two-level crossings are proposed to be constructed in the Punjab and Himachal Pradesh States in 1956-57 viz, (1) at mile 51 between Bhiwani and Manehru Stations, and (2) at mile 117/13-14 between Bhattu & Adampur.

About 50 old level crossings are also proposed to be widened during 1956-57. The details of these level crossings have not yet been finalised.

FLAG STATION BETWEEN ARAON AND
KOSMA

2550. Shri Badshah Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state as to what progress has been made so far regarding the opening of a Flag Station between Araon and Kosma decided upon so long ago ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): Sanction of the State Government for acquisition of land for the purpose was received only recently by the Railway, and the work of construction of the station will be taken in hand as soon as possession of the land is given to the Railway.

RAILWAY INSPECTORATE

2551. Shri Madiah Gowda: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations made by the Inspectorate of Railway during 1955-56 ; and

(b) the action taken thereon ;

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Mention of the recommendations which are made by the Inspectorate from time to time and