

(d) the steps Government have taken for exploring the possibility of getting a number of new, or even secondhand, ships from abroad and how many ships and of what G.R.T. have been acquired to fill this existing gap ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 51.]

(c) It is not possible to estimate accurately the tonnage in D. W. T. that will be carried by the 25-30 ships during the course of a year ; but on a rough basis they may carry 6 to 7 lakhs tons of cargo.

(d) The Government have continued their scheme for grant of land assistance and for release of necessary foreign exchange to the Indian Shipping Companies for acquisition of ships. As a result 7 ships (including a tanker) totalling approximately 30,000 G.R.T. have been acquired both in the Private and Public Sectors so far and orders for construction of two coastal ships of 1700 G.R.T. each have been placed abroad.

#### Refrigerator Vans

\*1384. **Shri Kajrolkar :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to attach refrigerator vans to trains on the Western, Central and Northern Railways between Bombay and Pathankot and Bombay and Amritsar for the transport of perishable articles over long distances; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) be in the affirmative, when the scheme will come into effect ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :**

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### राज-यक्ष्मा अस्पताल (चिकित्सालय)

\*१३८५. श्री अमृत बहैन : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ३ सितम्बर, १९५६ के तारकित प्रश्न संख्या १७२१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि मध्यम तथा निम्न वर्गों के व्यक्तियों को सस्ते इलाज की सुविधा प्रदान करने के बारे में राज-

यक्ष्मा अस्पताल (चिकित्सालय) स्थापित करने की जिस योजना को स्वीकृत किया जा चुका है, उसे कार्यान्वित करने की दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

**स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर) :**

चालू वर्ष में ३५ और १९५७-५८ में लगभग ६० क्लिनिकों की स्थापना करने या उन्हें upgrade करने का निर्णय किया गया है। इन क्लिनिकों के लिये एक्स-रे व प्रयोग-शाला के दूसरे सामान प्राप्त करने का प्रबन्ध हो चुका है।

#### Timber Survey

\*1386. **Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the timber resources of the country from the existing forests have been thoroughly surveyed and the position ascertained regarding the entire wooden sleeper requirements of the Railways being met by the indigenous production ?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) :** A statement is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 52.]

#### International Congress on Traffic

\*1387. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that International Congress on Traffic was held in Stresa in the 1st week of October 1956; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed at the Congress ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) The International Study Week on Traffic Engineering was held at Stresa in the first week of October, 1956.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha.

[See Appendix, V, annexure No. 53].

#### Accident to Railway Steamer

\*1388. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Railway steamer carrying loaded goods

wagons sank at Mokameh Ghat N.E.R. in the Second week of November, 1956 ;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident; and

(c) the amount of loss sustained ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :**

(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Bridges in Purnea

\*1389. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the replies given to Starred Question No. 1584 on the 20th April, 1956 and Starred Question No. 2435 on the 30th September, 1955 and state the steps taken by Government since then for the construction of the following bridges in the district of Purnea;

- (i) bridge over Mahanada at Sonapurhat;
- (ii) bridge over Mahanada at Dingraghat at mile 49 of Ganga-Darjeeling Road; and
- (iii) bridge over Higlra gap at 47 mile of Ganga-Darjeeling Road?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 54]

#### Tourist Traffic

\*1390. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to increase the tourist traffic from England; and

(b) if so, the nature of the steps and how far these have been successful?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 55]

#### Kharagpur Accident

\*1391. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 217 on the 20th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the final report of the Government Inspector on the Kharagpur Accident has been received; and

(b) if so, its findings and conclusions?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, his Report has since been finalised.

(b) According to the Government Inspector the accident to Workmen's train was brought about by forcibly removing the engine crew from the locomotive and setting it in motion by fully opening the steam regulator by some person or persons unidentified.

#### सामुदायिक विकास और राष्ट्रीय विस्तार सेवा खंड

\*१३९२. श्री खू. चं. सोधिया :

क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अब तक कितने और किन-किन सामुदायिक विकास क्षेत्रों और राष्ट्रीय विस्तार सेवा खण्डों की प्रगति का मूल्यांकन किया जा चुका है और वे किन-किन राज्यों में स्थित हैं ;

(ख) मूल्यांकन के लिये इन क्षेत्रों का चुनाव करते समय किन-किन बातों पर ध्यान दिया जाता है ; और

(ग) मूल्यांकन करने का काम किन व्यक्तियों को सौंपा जाता है ?

**योजना उपमंत्री (श्री श्या० नं० मिश्र) :**

(क) मूल्यांकन के लिये बीस क्षेत्र चुने गये थे । इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तार के साथ एक व्योरा सभा की मेज पर रख दिया गया है । [रेल्वे परिशिष्ट ५, अनुबन्ध संख्या ५६]

(ख) मूल्यांकन के लिये चुने गये क्षेत्रों को देश के विभिन्न भागों की खेती और देहात के हालात के सम्बन्ध में साधारण तौर पर प्रतिनिधि स्वरूप माना गया था ।

(ग) आर्थिक और सामाजिक समस्याओं की छानबीन में अनुभवी पदाधिकारियों को मूल्यांकन का कार्य सौंपा गया है ।