

Appeals of Railways Staff

1167. **Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals received by the Railway Board from Class III and IV Staff during the last four years;

(b) the number of such cases disposed of by the Board; and

(c) the number of appeals decided in favour of Class III and IV staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 188.

(b) 181.

(c) 26.

Gorakhpur Railway Station

1168. **Shri Biahwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state in view of insufficient accommodation in the Railway Station building at Gorakhpur whether any proposal is under consideration for its extension?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Yes, proposals are under consideration for the expansion of the station building at Gorakhpur, which *inter alia* include expansion of the Parcels Office, Enquiry Office, R. M. S. Office etc.

Cancellation of Trains on N. E. Railway

1169. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 544 on the 28th November, 1956 regarding cancellation of 313 Up and 314 Down trains running between Jogbani to Katihar with effect from 1st October, 1956 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the proposal to start the train again in view of the public demand; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The matter has been examined but it is not feasible to restore the running of Nos. 313 Up and 314 Down passenger trains between Katihar and Jogbani. However, with effect from 1-1-57.

(i) The rake of 314 Dn after attention at Katihar will work as 553 Up leaving Katihar at 13.40 hours and arriving at Jogbani at 17.35. This rake will work as 313 Up from Jogbani to kampur Anwar-ganj leaving Jogbani at 18.25

hours arriving at Katihar at 21.55 hours and leaving Katihar at 22.25 hours.

(ii) Trains No. 321 Up and 322 Dn, at present running between Allahabad City and Katihar will be extended to run to and from Jogbani for the convenience of Jogbani passengers. These trains will maintain convenient connections with Nos. 344 Up and CPI Dn at Sonopore for passenger travelling to and from Patna.

Per Capita Milk Consumption in West Bengal

1170. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special efforts are being made to increase the *per capita* consumption to milk and milk products in West Bengal apart from the Greater Calcutta Milk Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food (Shri M. V. Krishanappa): (a) and (b). Yes, through the following Centrally aided Cattle Development Schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan:

- (i) Setting up of 10 Artificial Insemination Centres with 34 key villages,
- (ii) establishment of 25 Extension Centres,
- (iii) subsidised rearing of 1,000 selected calves, and
- (iv) development of feeds and fodder resources.

The total cost of these schemes is estimated at Rs. 50 lakhs.

In addition the State Government have a number of Cattle and Dairy Development Schemes of their own.

These schemes are aimed to increase the available milk and milk products and the *per capita* consumption.

Anti-Malaria Work

1171. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the progress made so far in respect of anti-malaria work in Bihar and West Bengal respectively with particular reference to the rural areas of these States?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The progress made in

respect of anti-malaria work in Bihar and West Bengal is as follows:—

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Under the National Malaria Control Programme the State was allotted 7 units in 1953-54, which was raised to 14 units in 1954-55, and 17 units in 1955-56. These seventeen units are protecting a population of 15.1 million of people of

which 14.6 million relates to rural areas. As a result of the spraying operations carried out under the Programme, the number of malaria cases, child spleen index and child parasite index have gradually gone down as follows:—

Year	Malaria cases	Population protected	Child Spleen Index	Child parasite index
1953-54	1.11 million	1.35 million	56.1 %	4.3 %
1955-56	0.51 million	15.1 million	18.3 %	2.6 %

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Under the Programme the State was allotted 16 units in 1953-54, which were raised to 22 in 1954-55.

people in the State of which 15.9 million relates to rural areas. As a result of spraying operations, carried out under the Programme the number of malaria cases, child spleen index and child parasite index have gradually gone down as follows:—

Year	Malaria cases	Population protected.	Child Spleen Index (average)	Child parasite index (average)
1953-54	1.21 million	13.6 million	20.3 %	1.1 %
1955-56	0.57 million	175.5 million	6.7 %	0.01 %

The progress in respect of Malaria

work in both the States has been quite satisfactory.

"Jai Bharat Special" Train

1172. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(b) if so, the details of the incident?

(a) whether it is a fact that a train known as "Jai Bharat Special", left Victoria Terminus (Bombay) on the 2nd February, 1956 and returned to Bombay on 1st March, 1956, after completing a tour of some important centres in India; and

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes; 3 passengers were attacked and severely assaulted on board the S.S. "Dara" on the 13th November, 1956 when the vessel was lying at Basra, by deportees from Pakistan who were placed on board the ship without the knowledge of the ship's Master. One of them succumbed to the injuries and the remaining two were removed for medical treatment to a hospital in Basra.

(b) the circumstances and the grounds on which such a special train was sanctioned?

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 63.]

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, from 2-2-56 to 2-3-56 for a party of Kisans and Gardeners of Thana District.

(b) A special train was arranged on an application dated 10-12-55 from the organizer, on fulfilling the usual conditions for running a special train.

Indians Murdered in a Steamship

1173. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

तिब्बत सीमावर्ती क्षत्र

[११७४. श्री अक्षय दत्तन : क्या योजना मंत्री १० अप्रैल, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १३२५ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(a) whether some Indian passengers on board S.S. Dara, British Indian Steamers, were assaulted and murdered on 13th November, 1956; and

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के तिब्बत सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों का विकास करने से सम्बन्धित योजनाओं को कार्यान्वित करने की दिशा में इस बीच और क्या प्रगति हुई है ;