

दिया। गाड़ी करौटा स्टेशन पर रोक दी गयी और जांच से पता चला कि इंजन से पांचवें डिब्बे, नं० ई-आर-७००४१ में जो माल रखा था, उस में आग लग गयी है और उस में से लपटें निकल रही हैं। उस डिब्बे को गाड़ी से अलग कर दिया गया और पटना से आग बुझाने का इंजन (Fire Brigade.) भंगा कर आग बुझा दी गयी।

इस दुर्घटना की जांच मण्डल वाणिज्य अधीक्षक, दानापुर (Divisional Commercial Superintendent, Dinapur) ने की थी। उन का कहना है कि दुर्घटना के कारण का ठीक पता तो नहीं लग सका, लेकिन यह बात तय है कि आग धुरी गरम होने के कारण नहीं लगी।

#### Afghan Students in Medical Colleges

**313. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of Afghan students receiving education in the different medical colleges of the various States each year?

**The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar):** The requisite information is being collected and it will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

#### Tourist Traffic

**314. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to increase the tourist traffic from U.S.A.; and

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

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps so far taken to increase tourist traffic from the U.S.A. inter alia include the opening of two

tourist Information Offices in that country, one at New York and the other at San Francisco, publicising of India's attractions through distribution of travel literature, issuance of advertisements in newspapers and journals, film shows, window displays, photo publicity, talks and lectures, participation in radio and Television programmes, cultural events, trade fairs and travel exhibitions, conferences and conventions. The travel trade in the U.S.A. is specially cultivated by our two Offices there. The number of tourists from the U.S.A. has increased from 3,500 during 1951 to 11,028 during 1955.

#### Bombay Water Supply and Drainage

**315. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Corporation has made proposals through the State Government for:

- (1) water supply; and
- (2) drainage; and

(b) what action Government is taking thereupon?

**The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar):** (a) Proposals for the Vaitarana-cum-Tansa water supply scheme were received. No proposals for any drainage scheme were received.

(b) A loan assistance of Rs. 7.5 crores has so far given to the scheme.

#### Flood Control in Punjab

**316. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether the North West River Commission (sub-committee) has made any recommendations to Government for flood control in Punjab?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** The reply is in the negative. The sub-committee was set up by the North West Rivers Commission (Floods) in 1956 to investigate the causes of increased

flood discharge in the Punjab rivers and not to make any recommendations for flood control measures in the State.

#### Sugar Factories in Punjab

**317. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new licenses have been given for the establishment of sugar factories in Punjab;

(b) if so, the places of location; and

(c) whether the licenses are for co-operative organisations or otherwise?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):**

(a) Yes, Sir. Seven licences have been granted.

(b) (i) Rohtak, Distt. Rohtak.

(ii) Panipat, Distt. Karnal.

(iii) Bhogpur, Distt. Jullundur.

(iv) Morinda, Distt. Ambala.

(v) Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

(vi) Jagatjitnagar, Distt. Kapurthala.

(vii) Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur.

(c) The first five are for co-operative organisations. The factories at the last two sites are Joint Stock concerns and have been established by utilizing old plants lying idle in the country.

#### Hepatitis in Delhi

**318. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether any cases of infective hepatitis have been reported recently in Delhi or New Delhi?

**The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar):** The number of cases of infective hepatitis reported in Delhi and New Delhi during each of the months January to April 1957 is given below:—

Month	No. of cases
January	29
February	12
March	9
April	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>

#### Radio Sets

**319. Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of Radio sets in use in India in 1950 and on 1st April, 1957 separately?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** The number of wireless receiver licences in force in 1950 was 5,46,785 and on 1st April, 1957 it was 10,75,030. These figures do not represent the number of radio sets in use, since one licence is valid for more than one set provided they are worked in the same premises and there may be some case of unlicensed sets which have escaped detection.

#### Railway Earnings

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

(a) whether the increase of Railway fare has told upon the income of Northern Eastern Railways Passenger earning; and

(b) whether there has been any decline in the average distance travelled by Passengers?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No.

(b) Yes, there has been a slight decline due to an increase in the proportion of the short distance passengers.

#### पर्यटक

३२१. श्री विभूति निश्र : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५६-५७ में कितन-कितन देशों के पर्यटक भारत भ्रमण के लिये आये;

(ख) वे कौन-कौन से स्थान देखने गये;