

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A few representations were received in 1954 and 1955.

(b) The matter was examined and it was found that there was not adequate justification for the provision of a station or a halt as had been desired.

Guntakal-Madakasina Railway Line

355. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to open a new Railway line connecting Guntakal and Madakasina via Urvakonda and Kalyandrug in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to implement the proposal?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Public Call Office at Tanakalla

356. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a public call office at Tanakalla of Anantapur District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when it will be opened?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) & (b). The proposal is under examination. It will be sanctioned if it does not involve any loss to the department, or, in case of loss, somebody guarantees reimbursement to that extent.

Late Running of Trains on Bangalore-Masulipatam Section

357. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Bangalore and Masulipatam Section of

Southern Railway the trains have been running late for the past six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bar Association of Dharmavaram has also passed resolution in this respect; and

(c) if so, what remedial action has been taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government are not aware of any such resolution.

(c) Prior to 1st April 57, the Punctuality performance of passenger trains on this section was not satisfactory. A punctuality drive has been launched and intensified to bring about an improvement. The position has improved since and is expected to improve still further.

Express Trains between Renigunta and Hyderabad

358. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is demand for starting an express train between Renigunta and Hyderabad via Dharmavaram-Guntakal and Dronachalam on Southern Railway;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra have also made recommendations for starting such a train?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (c). Such a recommendation has been received only from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The position has been examined and the examination has disclosed that the traffic over the concerned sections does not justify such a service.

Running of Shuttle Train between Hindupur-Guntakal

359. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether, in view of the fact