

(क) बर्पाळी गाडी से उत्तरते ही मुसा-फिर बस पकड़ने की जल्दी करते हैं, फिर श्री रेल-कर्मचारी उन पर नियंत्रण रखते हैं।

(ग) इस बात की हिदायत दी जा रही है कि स्थिति पर विशेष रूप से ध्यान दिया जाय और बिना टिकट सफर रोकने के लिये समुचित व्यवस्था की जाय।

Dry Cargo Imports and Exports

1481. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of the freight paid on imports both of dry cargo as well as wet cargo into India during the year 1955-56, giving separate figures of the cargo imported on Government account and the cargo imported on private account,

(b) the total amount of freight that was paid in 1955-56 on exports both of dry cargo as well as the wet cargo from India giving separate figures of the cargo exported on Government account and the cargo exported on private account; and

(c) the total amount of freight that was paid in 1955-56 both on imports and exports giving separate figures of the amount of freight paid to the Indian Flag, and that paid to the foreign flags?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The required statistics are not readily available. An effort is being made to collect the same, and the material will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha as soon as it has been collected.

Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks

1482. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal in the Community Development Pro-

gramme to introduce "Barpali type Latrines" in the Community Development and National Extension Service Block areas; and

(b) if so, the State-wise figures of such "Latrine" making centres?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) "Barpali type Latrine" is only a slight modification of the Singur type which is already in use in the Community Development and National Extension Service Blocks. The "Barpali type Latrine" is being tested

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Staff Quarters, Kantabanji

1483. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Electric Fans in the staff-quarters at Kantabanji Station on the S.E. Railway; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It has been programmed to electrify staff quarters along with the electrification of Kantabanji Railway Station building in 1957-58. As per present policy, only type III quarters will be provided with fans.

Railway Traffic Handling Contract

1484. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount claimed by Handling Contractor for handling traffic over normal load during the period August, 1949, to March, 1953, April 1953 to April, 1956, and May 1956 to April, 1957 at Sakrigallighat, and the actual amount paid by the Railways in terms of the provisions in the contract; and

(b) the amount claimed by the Handling Contractor for handling

traffic over and above the normal load at Maniharight and paid by the Railways during the period 15th August, 1947, to April, 1956 and May 1956, to April, 1957 in terms of the provisions in the Agreement?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). A statement is attached giving the information desired. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 48.]

It has been assumed that in part (a) also the information desired is for handling for distances beyond the normal lead as in part (b).

Sanitary Arrangements in Laccadive Islands

1485. **Shri Nallakoya:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for sanitary arrangements in Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi islands;

(b) whether Government are aware of the spreading of filaria in the islands; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken for preventing it?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): (a) The following steps have been taken for sanitary arrangements on the Islands:—

(i) Health Inspectors are proposed to be appointed on all the islands except Bitra during the Second Plan. Steps have been taken to appoint three Health Inspectors in 1957-58. These Inspectors besides attending to antiferarial work will attend to preventive work and improvement of the general sanitary conditions on the islands.

(ii) A scheme for giving subsidy for closing down the step wells which are in filthy condition and sinking open draw wells and for constructing

water seal pit latrines, has been included in the Second Five Year Plan. The details of the scheme are being formulated. It is proposed to spend about Rs. 16,500 during 1957-58. Out of Rs. 63,000 proposed to be spent during the Plan period for constructing 40 to 50 wells and about 140 latrines.

(b) Yes. Filariasis is prevalent on Androth, Agathy, Kalpeni Kiltan, Chetlat, Bitra and Kadamath Island.

(c) The appointment of Health Inspectors, closing down of the mosquito breeding centres like bathing tanks, step wells etc., regular D.D.T. spraying, keeping the residential surroundings in sanitary conditions, treatment with Hetrazan tablets, sinking of open draw wells and construction of latrines are measures proposed for preventing the spread of filaria on the Islands. A detailed plan of operation for the control of filaria on the Islands has been prepared and is under consideration.

Shipping Freight Rates

1486. **Shri Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Conference Lines Steamers increased the freight rates to the U.K. and the Continent in January, 1955 and again in March, 1956;

(b) whether it is a fact that the incidence of the increased freight works out to 33 per cent. of the value of the coir products exported to U.K. and the Continent;

(c) whether Government are aware that the increase in freight increases the ultimate cost of the coir products in foreign markets and impairs their competitive capacity; and

(d) whether Government have made any attempt to persuade the Conference Lines to exempt coir mats and mattings from the increase in shipping freight?