

यह अनुभव किया गया है कि ऐसी व्यवस्था करने में डाक-तार विभाग को बड़ी भारी हानि उठानी पड़ेगी ।

Dining Car on G.T. Express

1022. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 463 on the 20th November, 1957 and state what alternative arrangements have been made to cater food to passengers, after the discontinuance of dining car service on the Grand Trunk Express beyond Kazipet on the Bezwada and Madras Section since the 1st November, 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Refreshment Rooms exist at Kazipet, Dornakal, Bezwada, Tenali Ongole, Bitragunta and Gudur stations between Kazipet and Madras, besides which sale of edibles is also being effected at a number of stations on the section from stalls and by vendors.

On the Kazipet-Bezwada section, the G.T. Express trains run during the night in both directions, so that the need for a dining car service does not exist.

On the Bezwada-Madras section, the existing facilities at the Refreshment Rooms have been augmented to cater to the increased demand due to the withdrawal of dining cars. The steps taken include augmentation of equipment and stores at Bezwada, Tenali, Ongole, Bitragunta and Gudur, and appointment of additional catering staff at Bezwada, Ongole and Gudur.

Passenger Amenities

1023. **Shri K. U. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no sleeping accommodation is provided in the "Janta Express" running from Ahmedabad to Bombay; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) So far sleeping accommodation in III class has been provided, as an experimental measure, only on a few selected trains. Two different types of coaches are on trial. The type of sleeper coach to be adopted as the standard is under consideration and as soon as a decision is taken construction of additional coaches and putting them on trains on which the service is not now available will be taken in hand.

Forest Plan of Punjab

1024. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total grants asked for by the Punjab Government for their schemes relating to forests for the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Central Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A provision of Rs. 2.02 lakhs has been made in the Second Five Year Plan for grants for the Forestry Schemes in Punjab. During the first and second year of the plan, the State Government came up with requests for grants to the extent of Rs. 14,100/- only.

(b) Rs. 14,100/-.

Travel between India and Pakistan

1025. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who travelled to Pakistan since the inception of direct service between Amritsar and Lahore by rail, month-wise;

(b) the number of Pakistani nationals who travelled to India since then by rail, month-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to facilitate this travel?

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