

chased from abroad unless it is inevitable. For the future requirements as well, every effort is being made to develop indigenous capacity for the manufacture of stores at present imported from abroad.

**International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of Sea by Oil**

1237. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1178 on the 26th August, 1957 and state whether India has since accepted the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, which was drafted at the International Conference held in London on the 12th May, 1954?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): No. Government have not yet taken a decision in the matter.

**Revision of Fares in D.T.S. Buses**

1238. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1295 on the 29th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any decision with regard to the revision of rate of fare for children between 3 and 12 years of age by the Delhi Transport Service has since been taken; and

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

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The Delhi Road Transport Authority has recently decided to make a general reduction in the Delhi Transport Service fares. It is estimated that this reduction will reduce the Authority income by about

Rs. 6 lakhs per annum. The revised fares are likely to be introduced with effect from 1st January, 1958. It is, therefore, not possible for the Authority to make any other concessions in its fares without watching for some time the effect of the reduced fares on its financial position. The Authority has accordingly decided to postpone a decision on the question of granting half fare concession to the children for a period of six months.

**Foreign Tourists at Bhakra Nangal**

1239. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of foreign tourists who visited Bhakra Nangal during 1956-57?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): 452 foreign tourists.

**Class IV Railway Employees**

1240. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:  
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:  
Shri Thimmiah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1280 on the 29th August, 1957 and state:

(a) the names of the Members of the Committee appointed to review the channels of promotion to Class IV Railway Employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that this Committee has refused to receive representations from certain Railway Trade Unions on the ground of non-recognition;

(c) if so, whether any complaint has been received by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 1. Shri G. D. Tapase—Chairman.