Railway plant and materials Tobacco

Mineral Oils

Manure.

Foreign Tourists

1484. Shri D. C. Sharma: Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Shri Raghunath Singh: Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tourists who visited India during 1957 (upto the 30th November, 1957);
- (b) the name of the country from which tourists came in the largest number: and
- (c) the amount of foreign exchange earned on this account in 1956 and 1957 so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri): (a) Complete statistics of tourists who visited India upto the 30th November, 1957 are not yet available. The figures for the first six months of 1957, excluding those who came from Pakistan, are provisionally e-imsted at 34024.

- (b) The information is not available.
- (c) The foreign exchange earnings from tourists during the year 1958 as estimated by the Reserve Bank of India are Rs. 15.45 crores. The figures for 1957 are not yet, available.

Motor Accidents in Delhi

1485. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of motor accidents that have occurred so far since the administration of Delhi was taken over by the Centre and the number of persons killed or injured as a result of each accident; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been held into the causes of the accidents?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri): (a) The information required is given below:—

Number of accidents....2235 (inluding 1169 accidents in which no njury was caused)

Number of persons killed.....142

Number of persons injured..1104.

(b) Yes.

Suez Canal

1486. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian ships which passed through the Suez Canal during the months of August, September, October and November, 1957;
 - (b) the total tonnage involved; and
- (c) the amount of toll paid to Egypt on account of these ships?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information for the months of August, September, and October, 1957, is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 145]. The information for the month of November, 1957, is being collected and will be furnished in due course.

Preservation of wild life in Punjab

1487. Shri D. C. Sharma: Sardar Iqbai Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any grants have been sanctioned to the Punjab State for the preservation of wild life in the State; and
 - (b) if, so, to what extent?