

(c) whether by changing to day train a delay of 24 hours can be avoided; and

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

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) It is not a fact that mails from Anantapur to Hyderabad are sent only by the night train. Both the day and night train services are utilised. Letters, postcards and surcharged book-packets etc. are also transmitted after the departure of the afternoon train by the night train to Bangalore, whence they are given air-lift the next morning to Hyderabad, thereby ensuring their delivery on the afternoon of the day following the day of posting.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Travel Agents

1509. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Travel Agents and agencies appointed by the Ministry to sell tickets to the public;

(b) whether any security deposits are taken from all the Travel Agents and whether there are any who have not furnished the necessary security;

(c) whether any Travel Agents have failed to pay the sale money of the tickets by due dates; and

(d) the amount left as arrears in the amount payable by the Travel Agents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) 21.

(b) Security deposit has been obtained from all Travel Agents.

(c) Yes.

(d) Necessary information is being obtained and will be laid on the table of the House.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था

१५१०. श्री पद्म देव : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्वास्थ्य विभाग द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश के जिला महासु में कई, भड़ाल, करारा और बसला (तहसील रोड़) और बाहली सिंगला (तहसील रामपुर) में पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था करने की कई योजनायें बहुत पहले में स्वीकृत हो चुकी हैं ;

(ख) क्या इन योजनाओं को चलाने के लिये पाइपों की भी व्यवस्था की जा चुकी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन योजनाओं की कार्यान्विति में देरी के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) ये योजनायें कब तक पूरी हो जायेंगी ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री कर्मरकर) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और मलबे पर सभा की मेज पर रख दी जायगी ।

Opening of Hotels

**1511. { Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Padam Dev:**

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

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the opening of hotels for the development of internal tourism; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for the purpose?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) As recommended by the Estimates Committee the Government of India have already approached the State Bank of India and the Life Insurance Corporation of India to consider requests for grant of loans to