

4. Providing improved yard drainage arrangements in the Remodelled yard.
5. Providing over-head arrangements for watering carriages.
6. Surfacing the circulating area, parking ground and approaches and providing suitable drains.
7. Providing bath cubicles.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Divisional officers as well catering officers attached to Head Quarters Office carry out periodical inspections.

Bridge at the Level-crossing in Guntur Town

623. **Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for construction of an over-bridge at the level-crossing in Guntur Town on Southern Railway has been taken up; and

(b) if so, by what time the work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

The actual field work will be taken up only when the Highway department and the Guntur municipality take up the work of the approaches, which has to be done by them.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Janata Express between Bezwada and Bombay

624. **Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government of India to run a through train from Bezwada to Bombay;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken with regard to the running of Janata Express contemplated between Bezwada and Bombay?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, a biweekly Janata Express.

(b) and (c). It is not feasible at present to introduce the Janata Express train due to paucity of coaches and locomotives and non-availability of line capacity on the Dhod-Wadi and Kazipet-Bezwada sections. Works for increasing line capacity are under progress or under contemplation.

Metre-gauge Lines in Bezwada Division

625. **Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the bogies used on the metre-gauge lines in Bezwada Division of Southern Railway are old and worn out; and

(b) if so, action being taken to replace them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No; Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Catering at Samastipur and Gorakhpur

626. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since the Railways have taken over the catering at Samastipur and Gorakhpur, the quality of food and services has gone down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the comparative figures of the income and expenditure month-wise, since the beginning of this year at these stations; and

(d) the ratio of expenditure, charged on the total, over the staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 80].

ई वा महामारी

६२७. श्री मोहन स्वच्छ : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अब भी भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों में हैजे की महामारी का प्रकोप है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अगस्त, सितम्बर, अक्टूबर, १९५७ में इस महामारी में कितने व्यक्ति मरे और इसकी रोक-थाम के लिये सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री फरमत्तर):

(क) देश के कुछ भागों में समय-समय पर स्थान-सीमित महामारियां हुई हैं।

(ख) एक विवरण, जिसमें अगस्त, सितम्बर और अक्टूबर के महीनों में हैजे के कारण हुई मृत्युओं की संख्या दी गई है, सभा के पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [दक्षिण परिशिष्ट २, अनुबंध संख्या ८१]

इस बीमारी के प्रतिरोध के लिये राज्य सरकारों और प्रशासनों द्वारा नीचे लिखी कार्यवाही की गई है:—

- (१) हैजा-निरोधी टीके;
- (२) रोगग्रस्त वस्तुओं का रोगाणुनाशन;
- (३) कुष्ठों और जल-संभरण के स्रोतों का रोगाणुनाशन;
- (४) सामान्य सफाई में सुधार और मक्की-प्रजनन की रोक;
- (५) जन-साधारण में स्वास्थ्य-शिक्षा; और

(६) हैजे के मरीजों का एकलन और चिकित्सा।

Survey of New Railway Line in Mysore State

628. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Railway lines surveyed in Mysore State so far; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to link Bhatkal harbour by railway with any railway link in Mysore State?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 82].

(b) No, Sir.

Saloon for Central Ministers

629. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last Puja rush from Calcutta, the Howrah-Delhi-Kalka Mail had to take a saloon for the Central Ministers on two consecutive days; and

(b) if so, whether the attachment of the saloon on the two consecutive days affected in any way accommodation available on the trains for travelling public?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, on 28th and 29th September, 1957.

(b) No.

New Air Services

630. Shri Biren Roy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a weekly flight by jet-plane from Moscow to Delhi;