

**Effective Coaching Stock**

1906. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of effective coaching stock on the Northern Railway in January, 1958;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was a shortage of coaches at the end of January, 1958; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 1388 Numbers—BG 448 Numbers—MG 93 Numbers—NG

(b) Yes.

(c) The critical situation for Passenger coaches on the Northern Railway towards the end of January, 1958 was created (i) on B.G. due to having to clear special rush of passengers during the Magh Mela festival and (ii) on M.G. due to having sent on loan to North-Eastern Railway, coaches to handle the extra traffic due to the Congress Session at Gauhati.

**Road Transport in Himachal Pradesh**

1907. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for the development of road transport in Himachal Pradesh during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the proposed schemes under the Second Five Year Plan for the development of road transport in the Himachal Pradesh?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information required is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 89.]

**Money Orders Remittances**

1908. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 583 on the 25th February, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the remittances have since been paid to the Payees or returned to the remitters according to money order forms; and

(b) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) (a) Yes—Out of eight money orders, six have since been paid to the payees. One money order has been returned to the remitter as the payee refused to accept it. The eighth has also been returned to the remitter as the payee was not found.

(b) Does not arise.

**Kantabanji Railway Station**

1909. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1483 on the 11th September, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the work of providing electric lights and fans at Kantabanji Railway Station Building and staff quarters has been undertaken; and

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

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The station and platforms of Kantabanji have already been provided with electric lights. No lights or fans have been provided so far in staff quarters.

(b) The capacity of the generating sets in Railways Power House at Kantabanji is not adequate to supply electric power required for