

### Late Running of Trains

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Shri Yadav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Palwal-Delhi shuttle hardly runs in time; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to see that the shuttle keeps to its timings?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No. However, the performance of this train has not been completely satisfactory.

(b) With effect from 23.12.57. No. 365Dn Palwal-Delhi shuttle has been given, as a trial measure for two months, precedence over Nos. 15 Dn Grand Trunk Express and No. 19 Dn Dehra Dun Express trains in the event of their late running on days when No. 365 Dn Palwal-Delhi shuttle is likely to suffer more than 15 minutes detention, if detained to give precedence to the Express trains. This has improved the performance of the train to some extent. The Railway Administrations have also been asked to pay special and pointed attention to the running of the shuttle train.

### Forests

289. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the steps taken during the First Five Year Plan and those proposed during the Second Five Year Plan to develop the forest wealth in the union territories; and

(b) the annual income from the forests under the Central Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) During the First Five Year Plan, schemes for development of forestry were not

undertaken by the Andamans and Nicobar, Manipur and Delhi Administrations. The other Territories took up development work as follows:

(1) TRIPURA: Altogether six schemes were taken up as indicated below:—

- (1) Afforestation of 1445.2 acres;
- (2) demarcation of 598 miles of forest reserve boundary;
- (3) work on working plans was started in the First Plan and completed in the 1st year of the Second Plan;
- (4) 49 officers were trained;
- (5) 12 buildings were constructed; and
- (6) two jeeps were purchased for development work.

A sum of Rs. 7.2 lakhs was spent on these schemes.

(ii) HIMACHAL PRADESH: Steps taken covered activities such as afforestation to prevent soil erosion, extension of the tree lands and the establishment of village plantations. The tree planting programme was extended with the cooperation of public and local bodies in pursuance of the national policy, during the Vanamahotsava ceremonies.

During the Second Five Year Plan the following steps were taken:—

(i) TRIPURA: 12 schemes are being undertaken as under:—

- (1) Demarcation of boundary and constitution of reserve forests covering 975 miles;
- (2) 6 officers are being trained;
- (3) other staff is being appointed for the implementation of the scheme;
- (4) 36 buildings are proposed to be constructed;
- (5) 2515 acres are proposed to be afforested;
- (6) work for sanitation, sinking of tube-well and supply of medicines is proposed to be taken up;