

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Attention of the hon. Member is drawn to Notification No. CTM-/14-A of Indian Airlines Corporation published in the *Gazette of India* on March 24, 1956.

Deraillment of Wagons near Udvada Station

1594. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the traffic on the main line between Bombay and Surat on Western Railway was dislocated on the 8th February, 1958 due to derailment of wagons of goods train near Udvada Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes. Due to derailment of two wagons at Udvada Station at about 21-20 hours on 8th February, 1958 on the Bombay-Baroda Main line of the Western Railway through communication was interrupted for about 7 hours on both Up and Down lines.

Opening of Post Offices in Punjab

1595. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Post offices opened in Punjab in 1957;

(b) the number of the Post and Telegraph Offices closed during 1957; and

(c) the reasons for closing down these offices?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 223.

(b) One Town extra-departmental Branch Post Office and no Telegraph Office.

(c) The office had practically no postal business and had been consistently working at a loss for over 5 years.

Grain Shop Staff

1596. { Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board have passed any order in the month of November, 1957, that the seniority of the temporary Grain-shop Staff would be regulated on the basis of the date of their actual absorption in other department and not from the beginning of service;

(b) if so, the names of the Railways which have implemented the order and since when; and

(c) the names of the Railways which have not yet implemented it and the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Under process of implementation on the Central and Western Railways.

(c) Not implemented on the North East Frontier Railway due to pre-occupation with matters concerning bifurcation and on the Eastern Northern, North Eastern, Southern and South Eastern Railways due to certain difficulties experienced in implementing the orders which are under examination.

Khargpur Railway School

1597. { Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the present roll strength of the Khargpur Railway School South Eastern Railway in (i) Primary (ii) Secondary and (iii) Higher Secondary Sections;