

(b) the proposals for any such new offices to be opened during the remaining period of the Plan; and

(c) the proposed improvements, if any to existing facilities in the District?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 94].

(c) Opening of 30 new Post Offices, installation of 09 letter boxes, upgrading of 8 branch offices, introduction of 2 more Mail Motor Services, expansion of the existing exchange at Cannanore by additional 100 lines and construction of a telecommunication building at Cannanore.

Master Plans for Flood Control for River Basins

312. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1380 on the 12th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether master plans for flood control for individual river basins have since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim):

(a) The reply in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

Cargoes moved on Government Account

313. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the total cargoes moved on Government account during 1958 were carried in Indian ships; and

(b) what percentage of the total cargoes imported or exported were carried by Indian ships during the same period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

D.T.U. Buses

314. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of D.T.U. Buses remain on the "sick-list";

(b) whether there is unusual delay in the repairing of these buses specially Albion type of Buses; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the same and losses incurred due to non-servicing of the vehicles?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). Previously, there were many D.T.U. Buses on the 'sick-list', but the number has since been brought down. There were 75 repairable buses in the Workshop on 1-2-1959. The delay in repairing the buses, particularly the Albion vehicles, was due to non-availability of essential spare parts. Supply position of spare parts has improved now and the number of repairable buses is likely to go down still further. There has been some loss of revenue on this account, but it is difficult to work it out precisely.

Ramgundam-Nizamabad Rail Link

315. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1293 on the 14th March, 1958 and state:

(a) at what stage is the proposal to link Ramgundam with Nizamabad by railway;

(b) whether Government have reconsidered their earlier decision of not taking up this link during the plan period as coal mines with annual production of one million tons have