

Railway Bogies for Andhra Pradesh

2231. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement made by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh at Visakhapatnam on the 3rd July, 1959 to the effect that only rotten Railway bogies are supplied to Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) (a) Yes, Sir But the Coaching stock utilised for services within Andhra Pradesh is in no way inferior to the coaching stock utilised for similar services in other States. Approximately 82 per cent of the Broad Gauge and 69 per cent of the Metre Gauge coaches utilised for the services within Andhra Pradesh are less than 30 years old. The position is still better on the through service coaches running through Andhra Pradesh the figure being of the order of 90 per cent below 30 years of age.

(b) Does not arise

Transport in Andhra Pradesh

2232. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) what is the Central Government assistance given to Andhra Pradesh to implement the nationalisation scheme of bus transport, and

(b) the progress so far made in the matter by Andhra 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 laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No 9.]

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Air Services to Vijayawada

2233. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are taking any steps for restoring the Air Services to Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if not, what are the reasons?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Ahmed Mohiuddin): (a) and (b) The Indian Airlines Corporation have no plans to air-link Vijayawada as the traffic potential does not justify an air service to that place.

Railway Line Between Delhi and Calcutta

2234. **Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the work of doubling of track between Calcutta and Delhi will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Of the 907 miles between Calcutta and Delhi, track to the extent of 671 miles is already doubled. Further, a length of about 60 miles between Allahabad and Kanpur is now being doubled. Of this, 48 miles have been completed and the balance is expected to be completed by the end of 1959. The need for doubling other sections of the remaining single line portions of the Delhi-Calcutta line will be given due consideration when the Third Plan proposals are being finalised.

Calcutta-Madras Mail

2235. **Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the accommodation capacity of the Calcutta-Madras Mail; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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