

(c) Eighty-five; fortyfive days due to the un-serviceability of the aeroplane and forty days due to bad weather and operational reasons.

Corruption Cases on Northern Railway

1500. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases pending on the Northern Railway as on the 1st December, 1959; and

(b) the nature of the cases pending?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 224.

(b) (i) Acceptance of illegal gratification.

(ii) Falsification of records.

(iii) Misappropriation of Government money.

(iv) Misuse of Railway labour and material.

(v) Misuse of passes and P.T.Os.

(vi) Under-weightment of consignments.

(vii) Non-recovery of wharfage and demurrage charges.

Reservation for the Promotion of S.C. and S.T. Employees

1501. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 86 on the 4th August, 1959 and state:

(a) what progress has since been achieved in implementing the orders issued to reserve seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in promotional vacancies; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes officials who

have been benefitted by it in each Railway, cadre-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Most of the Railways have worked out the vacancies due to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employee since 4th January, 1957 and have started making selections.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 44.]

Telegraph Services in Kutch

1502. Shri Khimji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telegraph services in Kutch and particularly in Abadasa Taluqa are generally out of order when there is either excessive rain or severe cold;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the services; and

(d) the details thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) and (b). Breakdown of telegraph services in Kutch particularly in Abadasa Taluqa has been in many cases due to heavy storm and rain and consequent floods. There has been no breakdown due to severe cold.

(c) and (d). The frequency of preventive maintenance of the lines is being increased. Wherever possible, action is being taken for shifting the lines so that they run alongside the roads, thereby making inspection and accessibility easier. In addition, replacement of the lines is being effected, wherever necessary.

Tourists to Agra

1503. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian and foreign tourists who visited Agra during 1959 till 30th November, 1959; and