

National Holidays (26th January, 15th August and 2nd October) should be included in the list of 15 but there is also the option that, if any of these holidays happen to fall on a Sunday, the number of other paid holidays can be adjusted so as to ensure that the staff get 15 paid holidays in all excluding the National Holidays falling on Sundays. In addition to the paid holidays, workshop staff can choose a certain number of unpaid holidays for which pay is not admissible. However, staff can collectively opt for unpaid holidays being treated as leave due.

The staff have voluntarily chosen 5th November, 1959 as an unpaid holiday though it was open to them to have chosen the day as one of the paid holidays. Further, the staff did not also give a collective option for the day being treated as leave due. In the circumstances, the question of giving them pay for that day does not arise.

#### Train Accidents at Gangpur

1865. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether two persons were run over and killed by one running local train and one running goods train on the 11th October, 1959 and 29th September, 1959 at the Gangpur Station, Howrah Division, Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the causes of the accidents;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no over-bridge in the said station;

(d) whether there has been any representation to the authorities by the passengers and local people for construction of an over-bridge for prevention of such accidents; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) One was killed and one was injured.

(b) Trespassers crossing the Railway track in the face of approaching trains.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The proposal for providing a foot-over-bridge was placed before the Railway Users' Amenities Committee for inclusion in the Passenger Amenity Works Programme for 1960-61. The same was, however, not approved by the Committee. This will be again placed for consideration of the Committee at its next meeting.

#### Delivery of Registered Letters on Sundays and Holidays

1866. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the possibilities of delivering registered letters etc. on Sundays and other holidays; and

(b) if so, the details of the arrangement?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### International Federation of Agricultural Producers

1867. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 11th International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Conference was held in New Delhi on the 27th November, 1959;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which participated in it;

(c) the decisions taken by the Conference; and

(d) the amount spent by the Government of India on this Conference?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Japan.