

First Class Coaches

2384. **Shri Parulekar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the life of a first class coach;

(b) how many first class coaches which are in use have passed this limit of life;

(c) whether it is a fact that orders were issued in 1956 for stopping their production; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The nominal life of a first class coach is 30 years. In practice, however, coaches are condemned and withdrawn from service purely on condition basis.

(b) 593 Broad Gauge, 482 Metre Gauge and 134 Narrow Gauge coaches with full and partial first class accommodation are over 30 years old.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

विमानों की खरीद

२३८५. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों में भारत ने अर्सेनिक उड्डयन के लिये किन किन देशों से विमान खरीदे हैं ;

(ख) कितने विमान खरीदे गये ; और

(ग) कितने विमान खरीदने के लिये करार किया गया है ?

अर्सेनिक उड्डयन उपमंत्री (श्री मुही-उद्दीन) : (क) १९५८ और १९५९ में सिविल एविएशन के लिये हवाई जहाज अमेरिका और इंग्लैण्ड से खरीदे गये थे ।

(ख) आठ ।

(ग) दो ।

Gaya-Moghalsarai Electrification

2386. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the scheme of Railway electrification between Gaya and Moghalsarai; and

(b) main terms, including time schedule, of the main contract and further contract for the supply and installation of overhead equipment for 25 Kv, 50-cycles A. C. Railway electrification entered into between Railway Board and the British Insulated Callender's Cables (BICC) Group?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Electrification of section Gaya-Moghalsarai is being carried out on 25 Kv, A.C. Single Phase 50 Cycles. It is one of the busiest sections on the Eastern Railway covering 126 route miles. (Approx. 301 track miles) and has been given high priority in the Second Plan. The assessed cost for electrification of this section is Rs. 8.13 crores.

(b) British Insulated Callender's Cables Ltd., has been awarded the contract for supply of O.H.E. fittings and complete installation of O.H.E. equipment but all steel structures for O.H.E. masts will be supplied by the Railways. The firm shall also use all available indigenous materials and man-power to the maximum extent possible. The Railway Electrification organisation will prepare layout plans for the overhead equipments for this section. According to the terms of contract, the work on overhead equipment is required to be completed in a period of 14 months from the date of placing the order, i.e., from 5th May, 1960. The firm shall guarantee satisfactory working of the installation erected for a period of 12 months after the date of commissioning. The cost of this contract is approximately Rs. 1.578 crores.