

vertising revenue. Some of the steps already taken include the standardisation of rates for all the Railways, the streamlining of the procedures in order to accord with standard trade practices elsewhere.

- (iii) Effective liaison is being maintained with leading advertising agencies.
- (iv) Apart from the traditional media of advertising namely posters, hoardings, neon signs, show cases etc., other new media are being explored for bringing in additional revenue to the Railways. The new media include railway carriages, reverse of passenger tickets, sides of wagons etc.

Merger of Class I & II Railway Accounts Clerks

509. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has considered the desirability in the Eastern and other Railways, of the merger of Class I and II Railways Accounts Clerks and abolition of the Appendix IIA examination;

(b) whether such action was recommended by Mr. Justice Shankar Saran in his award sometime ago; and

(c) what is Government's decision in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, this has been considered in the past.

(b) and (c). There was no recommendation for merger of the two grades. Substitution of Appendix II-A Examination by a general type written test in respect of 25 per cent. of promotions from Class II to Class I clerical posts was recommended. This is under consideration.

Renovation of Stations

510. { **Shri Agadi:**
Shri Siddananjappa:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for renovation and expansion of Raichur and Hospet Stations on the Southern Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). *Raichur:* It is proposed to extend the existing waiting hall and the work is likely to be taken up in 1961-62.

Hospet: The work of providing an additional waiting room and three suits of retiring rooms has been taken up and is nearing completion.

Co-operative Societies in Himachal Pradesh

511. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in Himachal Pradesh who applied for forming new co-operative societies during 1959;

(b) the types of those societies; and

(c) the number out of them which were registered?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) to (c). Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha shortly.

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