

**Corruption on Railways**

\*828. { **Shri Rami Reddy:**  
**Shri Arjun Singh**  
**Bhadauria:**  
**Shri P. G. Deb:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the observation of the Chief Minister of Punjab in his speech at Ambala on the 23rd October, 1960 that on account of corruption in the Railways, the Sugar Industry has been very adversely affected;

(b) if so, what are the reactions of Government; and

(c) what is the action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Kamaswamy):** (a) and (b). The Government's attention was drawn to the report, which appeared in the Press in this connection, but on enquiry it transpired that the report that appeared in the Press was entirely misleading and false.

(c) Does not arise.

**Delhi-London Bus Service**

\*829. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri Bhakt Darshan:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 539, on the 19th August, 1960 and state at what stage is the proposal for introduction of bus service between Delhi and London via Lahore?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** The matter is still under consideration.

**National Highway No. 5**

1559. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Ques-

tion No. 2052 on the 5th September, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the modified estimates in connection with the construction of National Highway No. 5 from Tala-danga to Nirgundi level crossing have since been examined; and

(b) if so, what is the modified estimate?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The modified estimate amounting to Rs. 9,34,000 has been sanctioned.

**Air Accidents**

1560. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of air accidents which have taken place since 1st April, 1960 in which aircrafts of the Air India International and the Indian Airlines Corporation were involved;

(b) the reasons for each accident; and

(c) the extent of loss sustained in each accident?

**The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) to (c). Since 1st April, 1960, there has been one major accident involving an Indian Airlines Corporation Dakota aircraft. A statement giving the details of the accident is placed on the table of the Sabha. None of the aircraft belonging to Air India International was involved in any major accident during the same period.

**STATEMENT**

Indian Airlines Corporation Dakota aircraft VT-DFM swung off the runway while landing at Agartala at 0528 hrs. IST on the 12th September, 1960. The aircraft was operating a scheduled freighter service from Calcutta to Agartala and was piloted by Captain G. Thomas with Co-pilot Shri I. C. Vasistha and Radio Officer Shri

O. Logan. The aircraft sustained substantial damage to its starboard undercarriage, starboard wing, centre section, starboard propeller, tail wheel and its attachment structure on the fuselage, starboard tailplane. Nobody was injured.

The estimated cost of repairs to the damaged aircraft is Rs. 63,350.

The accident is under investigation.

#### Stocks of Foodgrains in Maharashtra

1561. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount advanced to the Maharashtra Government during the year 1960-61 so far for maintaining the reserve stocks of food and their distribution?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** No money has been advanced to the Maharashtra Government for maintaining the reserve stocks of food and their distribution.

#### Perunguzhi Halt in Quilon-Trivandrum Line

1562. **Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the Perunguzhi Halt in the Quilon-Trivandrum sector of the Southern Railway started working;

(b) whether it is a fact that Perunguzhi Halt is more remunerative to the Railway than the neighbouring flag stations; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to convert this Halt into a flag station?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) The Perunguzhi Train Halt was opened on 15th April, 1950.

(b) No.

(c) Yes, in its turn along with 16 halts proposed to be included by the Southern Railway in their programme for conversion of Halts into flag Stations.

#### Post Office Building

1563. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has since been obtained at Jorhat in Assam for construction of a new Post Office Building;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the matter; and

(c) if not, the facts thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Jorhat Head Post Office is at present housed in a Departmental building. The question of extension to the existing Departmental building to provide additional accommodation which has been necessitated due to increase in staff is already under consideration of the Department.

#### Robberies in Trains

1564. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of robberies committed in running passenger trains between Delhi and Amritsar on the Northern Railway during 1960 so far;

(b) the estimated loss sustained thereby;

(c) the results of the investigations held into these incidents; and

(d) the measures taken for security of Railway passengers in future?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No case of robbery has been committed so far.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The following measures already exist as a safeguard against such incidents:—

(i) Patrolling has been intensified;