

(b) if so, whether any step has been taken in this connection; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir. A request was, however, received for widening the footpath on Bridge No. 17 near Andul station on Howrah-Khargpur Section and the State Government was informed that apart from technical consideration, widening of the footpath would result in vehicular traffic using the bridge, which is definitely unsafe.

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

Creation of Class IV Posts in I.A.R.I.

117. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission any steps are being taken to create Class IV posts in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute for the monthly men and daily-paid staff paid from the contingencies, who are being regularly employed year after year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Most of the monthly-paid staff of the Institute have been brought on to the regular establishment and the remainder will be absorbed in regular vacancies as early as possible.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Time Table

118. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway time Table was not available at the Simla City Reservation Office on the 1st October, 1960 and the passengers could not be informed of the exact timings of the departure of trains; and

(b) if so, what were the causes of the delay in the publication and issuing

of these time tables to the various stations and reservation offices?

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

(b) Time Tables are generally despatched to various points sufficiently in advance of date of publication of Time Table. As the Northern Railway Time Tables are printed in a private Press which observed the Dussehra holidays which preceded the date of publication of time-tables, there was some delay in the despatch of time-tables to some points. The copies of the Time Table were, therefore, received by the Station Master, Simla on 1st October 1960 evening. Time Tables for City Reservation Office, Simla are despatched by Station Master, Simla. As the next day 2nd October 1960 was Sunday and Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, the Station Master's office was closed. The time-tables were, therefore, despatched to the City Reservation Office on 3rd October 1960. However, the delay in the despatch of time-tables from the Office of Station Master, Simla to the City Reservation Office, Simla has been suitably taken up.

Drinking Water at Balasore

119. Shri Mahanty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 400 passenger travelling by the 318 Down Puri Passenger, on the 26th September, 1960, who had been stranded at Balasore Station, on the S. E. Railway, due to disruption of train services, did not get drinking water from the taps at the Station premises; and

(b) if so, the reason for non-availability of drinking water in the said station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b): Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to train No. 302 Down Puri-Howrah Express and not 318 Down Puri-Howrah Passenger. From the morning of 26th September, 1960, 302