

(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

Down Puri-Howrah Express was stabilised at Balasore as it could not proceed further due to flood water rising above the danger level in the bridge between Rupsa and Basta. There were nearly 400 passengers in the train and there had been no shortage of drinking water at any time. The 302 Down Express train left in the morning of the next day, i.e. 27th September. Normally water supply to the platform is regulated only at train timings. On this day, due to exceptional circumstances, continuous supply of water had to be maintained from 6 a.m. of 26th September. The overhead storage could not cope up with this continuous supply for so many passengers and the flow in the taps got reduced at 16.00 hours. The main outlet valves had to be closed for some time to enable the overhead tank to recoup the supply. Even during the period when the valves were closed, supply of drinking water to the passengers was maintained by water carriers from the station storage.

Accident at Sindi Station

120. **Dr. M. S. Aney:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious accident that occurred at the Railway station Sindi on the Central Railway resulting in the death of Joshep Fernandes a young sportsman belonging to the Hockey team of Gujarat Vidyapith proceeding to Nagpur for the Inter University Match of Hockey.

(b) whether it is a fact that the young boy died as his head was hit by the Signal board standing on the Sindi Station when the train was passing through that station onwards towards Nagpur;

(c) the distance of that Signal Board from the Railway track on which the train was running;

(d) whether it is a fact that there had been two similar accidents before owing to the persons being hit by the same Signal Board;

(e) whether the Railway authorities have made any enquiry into the aforesaid accident;

(f) if so, the findings thereof;

(g) whether Government propose to remove the signal board from its present position to some place more distant; and

(h) whether any and if so, what compensation has been given to the members of the family of the deceased sportman?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b): On 26th September, 1960 at about 10.08 hours while 1 Down Bombay-Calcutta Mail was running through Sindi station of the Central Railway, one passenger Shri Joseph Fernandes who was leaning out of a compartment of the train hit the Down Starter Signal post of the station. He fell down from the train and subsequently died as a result of the injuries sustained by him.

(c) The signal post does not infringe the prescribed schedule of moving dimensions of trains.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) The death of the deceased was due to his own negligence.

(g) No.

(h) No compensation is due in this case.

Books on Railway Book Stalls

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

(a) whether books like (i) 'Indian Struggle' (ii) 'Indian Pilgrim' by Netaji Subhas and any book of history on the activities of I.N.A. are kept anywhere in India in any bookstall recognised by railways; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b)