

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case of fraudulent issue of concession orders at Delhi station had come to the notice of the Northern Railway in November 1960 and after preliminary investigation, the case had been handed over to the Special Police Establishment for further action. The exact amount involved is not known.

(c) All the Railways have been asked to enforce the regulations regarding the safe custody of concession orders in their office more rigidly and to take up with the staff, each case of failure to observe such regulations. The introduction of a separate series of students concession tickets with the words "student concession" printed on both sides of the ticket and also other measures are under consideration.

Statues of Mahatma Gandhi at Railway Stations

*115. { **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1562 on the 17th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether invitations have since been issued to artists all over the country to send their plaster of Paris models of Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) if so, how many such models have been received and the name of the artist whose model has been approved;

(c) whether any estimate of the amount to be spent and the number of statues to be erected have been made; and

(d) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Air Services to U.S.A.

*117. { **Shrimati Renuka Ray:**
Shri P. G. Deb:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of air frequencies that the Air-India International has across the Atlantic to the U.S.A.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Air India had requested the U.S. to allow a daily service; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Five services a week in each direction between India and U.S.A. across the Atlantic, from May 1961.

(b) and (c). During the air talks held in Washington in April/May 1961 between India and U.S.A., the question of additional frequencies to be operated by the airlines of the two countries was raised, but the discussions were inconclusive and are likely to be resumed. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details thereof at this stage.

Glider 'Rohini'

*118. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian made glider "Rohini" has proved successful flight;

(b) if so, in which factory it was manufactured and what are its special features;