

Separate waiting room accommodation for Third Class women passengers is provided at many stations, depending on local conditions and requirements.

At other stations where separate III class Ladies Waiting Room accommodation is not provided the upper class Ladies Waiting Room, if any, is also made available to III class lady passengers.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

### Late Running of Trains

**291. Dr. Atchamamba:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) why all the trains between Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Waltair are running late for the last one year; and

(b) if so, whether Government have contemplated any definite proposals or schemes to prevent such late running of trains on these lines?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Some of the trains on the Hyderabad—Vijayawada—Waltair section have not been keeping time mainly for the following reasons:

- (i) The section Hyderabad—Vijayawada—Waltair is a single line section where the intensity of traffic has already reached saturation point. Long distance Mail/Express and passenger trains run on the section and any late running of one of the trains affects the running of other trains also.
- (ii) The increased tempo of execution of engineering works, undertaken to augment line capacity on the section, which involves cautious driving over long stretches over fairly extended periods of time.
- (iii) Serious breaches on East Coast section of the South

Eastern Railway in August, 1960 and on the Madras—Vijayawada section during November, 1960.

(b) The following steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to prevent late running of trains on the section:

- (i) The running of these trains is receiving the closest attention of the Railway Administrations. A Section Controller has been specially put on duty to watch the running of trains on the Vijayawada—Waltair section.
- (ii) All avoidable detentions are suitably taken up with staff concerned.
- (iii) Periodical punctuality drives are instituted.
- (iv) Timings of some of the trains which were not maintaining punctuality were revised with effect from 15th June, 1961.
- (v) Proposal to revise the timings of some of the Mail/Express and passenger trains running on these sections in the time table to come into force with effect from 1st October, 1961, in such a way as to provide better paths for them and consequently improve their running, are under active examination.
- (vi) With a view to increasing the capacity, which would naturally eliminate certain amount of detentions for crossings etc., it is proposed to lay a double line between Dornakal and Vijayawada. The works in connection with the doubling are already in progress.

### Indigenous systems of Medicine

**292. Dr. Atchamamba:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various schemes in the States for the development of in-