

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). Five Fokker Friendships only.

(c) The Corporation signed a contract in May, 1961 for the purchase of two second-hand Viscounts. These are expected to be delivered towards the end of August, 1961.

(d) All State Capitals excepting Shillong are at present connected with Delhi by Air. There is no airfield at Shillong, but the nearest airport viz., Gauhati, is connected 14 times a week with Calcutta which in turn has 25 connections a week with Delhi.

Rolling Stock Requirements

1826. Shri P. C. Boroah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production and requirement of the Country in respect of the different kinds of commercial rolling stock, like steam locomotives, wooden and steel coaches and wagons;

(b) whether India has achieved self-sufficiency in respect of these items; and

(c) to what extent these items were imported during each of the past five years?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The average annual requirements of steam locomotives, coaches and wagons are as follows:—

Steam locomotives—238.

Coaches (in terms of bogies)—1700.

Wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers)—30500.

It is expected that the annual production in the country for the above Rolling stock items will meet the average annual requirements.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 102].

Cement for Nagarjunasagar Project

1827. { **Shri Rami Reddy;**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of the Nagarjunasagar Project has been retarded on account of shortage of cement;

(b) if so, to what extent is the progress affected; and

(c) what action is taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). There has been no appreciable retardation in the progress of work on the Nagarjunasagar Project due to shortage of cement.

(c) Steps are being taken to ensure that the cement requirements of the Project are fully met.

X-Ray Plants at Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi

1828. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2 X-Ray Plants out of 4 Plants at Safdarjang Hospital, Delhi have been out of commission for some months in the past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for the delay to commission these plants;

(d) whether Government are aware that patients have to suffer great hardship; and

(e) whether any other arrangement is made to remove hardships of the patients?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Three X-Ray Plants installed in the new X-Ray Department are electrically fed through the Hospital's own Sub-station. One of

the machines went out of commission due to a break down. The machine could not be repaired in Delhi and some parts of the machine had to be flown to Calcutta for repair in the workshop of Messrs. Phillips.

The second machine which went out of order was installed in the old X-Ray Department. The machine is in good working condition but the voltage of electric current being very low, it cannot give good service. Steps have been taken to rectify the defect.

(d) No, Sir. No emergency, urgent or even essential cases have been refused.

(e) Another Sub-station is being established in the hospital and it is hoped, in the near future, that the hospital will be self-sufficient in the matter of electric supply. A new X-Ray machine is being installed which will considerably improve matters.

Overcrowding on Kangra Valley Railway Section

1829. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no steps have been taken by the Railway to ease overcrowding on the Kangra Valley Railway Section in spite of repeated requests of the people of the Kangra District and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the trains and on stations no arrangements exist for drinking water and whatever arrangements exist are most insufficient; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Out of three trains each way on the Pathankot-Baljnath Paprola-Joginder Nagar section, there is slight overcrowding only on one train viz., 3 PBJ Up which leaves Pathankot at 08.35 hours for Joginder Nagar. This is a mixed train and instructions have

been issued to avoid as far as possible attaching of goods stock by this train.

(b) and (c). Adequate arrangements exist for provision of drinking water on trains and at stations on the Kangra Valley Railway Section. More important particulars thereof are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Water supply at stations is arranged through static water tanks at stations filled by travelling water tanks attached to both up and down van and shunting goods trains daily. At certain stations chlorinating plant for purification of water is provided. At others the source of water supply is through natural springs.

During the hot weather supply of water in trains is arranged through two travelling watermen with sufficient water stored in Mukkas and buckets, travelling on each passenger train on the section.

सिंचाई और बिद्युत् मंत्रालय में हिन्दी जानने वाले कर्मचारी

१८३०. श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : क्या सिंचाई और बिद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय तथा उस से संलग्न कार्यालयों में कुल कितने अनुभाग हैं और उनमें से कितने ऐसे हैं जिन में हिन्दी जानने वाले बहुसंख्या में हैं, और

(ख) कितने अनुभागों को हिन्दी में टिप्पण और पत्रों के प्रारूप लिखने की अनुमति दी गयी है ?

सिंचाई और बिद्युत् उपमंत्री (श्री हाथी) : (क) (१) १०२ ।
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(ख) हिन्दी में प्राप्त पत्रों के उत्तरों को छोड़ कर, इस समय सभी अनुभागों में ही टिप्पण और पत्रों के प्रारूप लिखे जाते हैं ।