

of Uttar Pradesh with air traffic (Nainital to be linked by air with Lucknow) is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the progress made in connection therewith; and

(c) the financial implications of the proposal both as regards expenditure and revenue?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). The Indian Airlines Corporation have decided to operate with effect from 1st October, 1961, a twice weekly Dakota service Delhi-Haldwani-Lucknow during the Hill seasons viz May to July and September to November on the basis that the U.P. Government will subsidise the losses incurred by the Corporation in the operation of the service.

(c) The Indian Airlines Corporation have intimated that the cost of operation of the service for a year on the basis of 160 one-way flights will be about Rs. 2.25 lakhs. It is not possible for the Corporation to give any indication of the revenue at this stage.

Niphad Station

2269. Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision to remodel the Station at Niphad on Central Railway has been taken;

(b) if so, when the work will begin; and

(c) what are the special features of this remodelling?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. Tentative proposals are under examination.

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

Rice in Andhra Pradesh

2270. Shri Rami Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice worth several crores of rupees could

not be transported from Andhra to the other areas of the Southern Zone on account of severe shortage in supply of wagons;

(b) whether any representations have been received in this regard; and

(c) what is the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (c). Yes, some representations were received about inadequate supply of wagons for despatch of rice from Andhra Pradesh to the deficit areas in the Southern Zone. It was found that at times quite heavy indents for wagons were outstanding at stations in the principal rice-producing areas of Andhra Pradesh but later many of these indents were cancelled. The matter was brought to the notice of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) from time to time and they issued instructions to the Southern Railway to step up loading of rice and paddy by arranging bulk supply of wagons to certain stations where the demand was heavy and to extend the working hours of goods sheds to facilitate loading of wagons. The position has improved to some extent as a result of the measures taken.

Train Derailments

2271. Shrimati Masida Ahmed: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the number of times the wagons of goods trains were derailed and capsized on the Barauni-Armingaon Section of the NEF Railway during the period from 1st April, 1960 to 30th June, 1960;

(b) whether the reasons were ascertained;

(c) the number of claim cases established out of these accidents; and

(d) the total value to be compensated?