

in Bombay and Calcutta is under the consideration of the Railway Administration; and

(b) if so, when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Dislocation of Train Services in Hill Section of N.F. Railway

3257. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the passenger trains were dislocated in 1961 in the hill section of North Frontier railway;

(b) what were the reasons for such dislocation;

(c) what steps were taken for giving relief to stranded passengers; and

(d) how many new coaches for passengers have been introduced during the last five years in (i) hill section (ii) branch lines in Cachar and (iii) Karimganj-Silchar lines of North Frontier Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). In the hill Section of the North-East Frontier Railway, the passenger trains were dislocated during 1961 on three occasions—two occasions due to derailment and one occasion due to landslip. In addition, there were 28 minor cases of interruptions of through running of trains due to 10 cases of derailments and 18 cases of landslips.

(c) (i). Trains were controlled at stations where drinking water and refreshment were available; (ii) Passengers were given the option to travel free of charge to the original starting stations or to take refund for the untravelled distance; (iii) Shuttle trains were run on the uninterrupted section during the period of block; (iv) Transshipment of passengers and their luggage was arranged at the

site of the accident; (v) Arrangements were also made for transshipment of stranded passengers by road hiring public buses, and for free supply of food.

(d) 47 new coaches—11 on Hill Section and 26 on Branch lines—in Cachar Area including Karimganj-Silchar Section.

Pilot Project for T.B. Control in Madras State

3258. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to take up a pilot project for T.B. Control in the State of Madras is under consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details of the same and when it is to be taken up;

(c) whether Government of Madras has expressed its consent to collaborate in its execution; and

(d) if so, in what form?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). Yes.

(d) A proposal to attach a District T.B. Control Centre in North Arcot District of Madras State to the National T.B. Institute, Bangalore, is still under negotiation and the details are yet to be finalised.

Dam on Ajoy River, Bihar

3259. Shri Besra: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of a dam on Ajoy River in Bihar has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether the site has been selected; and

(c) whether any provision has been made for the rehabilitation of the uprooted people?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

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