

of the Railways during the year 1965-66 so far;

(b) the estimated loss of revenue to the Railways during the above period as a result of ticketless travel; and

(c) whether the steps taken by Government to check this practice have proved effective and whether there has been an increase or decrease in the number of ticketless travellers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) A statement showing the number of ticketless passengers and passengers otherwise irregularly travelling as apprehended during the period from 1-4-65 to 31-12-65 is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5698/66].

(b) The amount of fares due from the above ticketless travellers was approximately Rs. 1.19 crores. This is the loss which would have resulted, if the persons had not been detected. There would also be some additional loss due to ticketless persons who might have escaped detection.

(c) The steps taken by the Railways have proved helpful. It has been possible to apprehend more ticketless travellers by intensifying the ticket checking arrangements. During this period, 202,324 more ticketless travellers were apprehended compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Pre-Examination Training for S. C. & S. T. Students

1616. Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students who studied in Bangalore and Allahabad for the pre-examination training of I.A.S. and I.P.S. during the years 1962-63 and 1963-64;

(b) the number of students selected for the written examination as well as interviews during the same period;

(c) whether the deficiency in the coaching system at Bangalore Institute has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(d) the action to be taken to correct the deficiency?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) 181 (93 students were trained in 1962-63 and 88 in 1963-64).

(b) 62 (40 students were called for interview in 1962-63 and 22 in 1963-64).

(c) and (d). Bangalore Centre did not prove useful as none of the candidates trained, has been finally selected for I.A.S. and I.P.S. etc. The Centre has since been closed, the deficiencies which have come to light have been examined and it is proposed to start it in Madras for which a scheme has been drawn up. This is under examination.

Overbridge near Madras Station

1617. Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government to construct motorable overbridge in front of the Central Station at Madras to reduce the traffic congestion; and

(b) if so, when the scheme will be taken up for execution?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

प्रफगानिस्तान से सूखे फलों का आयात

1618. श्री बड़े :

श्री हुकूम खान कश्गार :

क्या बाजिब्य मंत्री यह बताने की रूपा करेंगे कि :

(क), क्या भारत-प्रफगानिस्तान व्यापारी संघ के प्रयत्न ने यह कहा है कि