

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi): (a) and (b). The policies and programmes of Khadi and Village industries have been chalked out since the beginning of First Five Year Plan and in the subsequent plans based on common production programmes and various other principles governing development of Khadi and Village industries. This is a continuous process and new programmes as and when evolved by the Commission are discussed with government and Planning Commission and agreed decisions are arrived at.

Railway crossing near Lunkaransar Station

1927. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for providing a railway crossing near Lunkaransar Railway station (District Bikaner) to facilitate crossing of railway track while going from Lunkaransar to Surnana village; and

(b) if so, where the matter stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) No. There already exist three 'C' class level crossings at Lunkaransar at Kms. 243|5-8, 244|1-2 and 244|4-5 respectively.

(b) Does not arise.

Triangular A. C. Railway Service

1928. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a triangular Air-conditioned Railway service for the facility of tourists between Delhi, Agra (b) and Jaipur; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A through service partially air-conditioned coach has been introduced, with effect from 1-2-1966, between Agra Fort and Jaipur by Nos. 5|6 Agra Fort-Ahmedabad Expresses. With the introduction of this service, tourists can avail of a triangular air-conditioned service between New Delhi and Agra Cantt. by Nos. 79/80 Taj Expresses, between Agra Fort and Jaipur by Nos. 5|6 Expresses and between Jaipur and Delhi by Nos. 1|2 Mails.

Fire in a Bogie of the Delhi Bound Toofan Express

1929. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a first class bogie of the Delhi bound Toofan Express caught fire while passing through the Mirzapur Railway Station on the Northern Railway on the 27th January, 1966;

(b) if so, the cause of the accident; and

(c) the loss of life and property, if any?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, but the incident took place on 26-1-1966.

(b) According to the report of the Enquiry Committee the cause of the fire was due to short circuiting of electric wires.

(c) There was no loss of life. Damage caused to the railway property is reported to be negligible.