

(b) (i) In cases where the Railway staff are found to blame, suitable action is taken against them;

(ii) On either side of the unmanned level crossings, whistle boards are displayed and drivers are required to whistle in order to warn the vehicular traffic of the approaching trains. Notice Boards warning the Road Traffic of the approaching unmanned level crossing are displayed by the Road authority.

(iii) Officers and other supervisory staff inspect manned level crossing gates frequently to ensure that the gates are properly equipped and the gatemen understand their duties.

Fire in Indian Cargo Liner

*1065. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Cargo liner caught fire at Suez on the 6th May, 1962;

(b) if so, the circumstances in which this happened; and

(c) the loss of life and property caused thereby?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):

(a) Fire broke out in No. 4 Hatch of the Indian Cargo liner "Indian Shipper" on the 6th May, 1962, while nearing Suez.

(b) and (c). No information is at present available regarding the cause of the fire as also the extent of damage to cargo or the ship. There was no loss of life. The ship has been declared seaworthy and has proceeded on her further voyage westward.

New First Class Coaches

*1066. { Dr. P. Srinivasan:
Shri Paramasivan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the new first-class coaches manufactured by Integral Coach Factory are most inconvenient and passengers have lodged complaints about the same; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-design the said coaches?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Some complaints of inconvenience in the new First Class coaches built by the Integral Coach Factory have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) No Sir; however, those complaints received are being investigated and action will be taken as necessary and feasible.

Calcutta Postal Zones

*1067. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Dum Dum Municipality is included within the Calcutta postal area as one compact local area for purposes of transmission and delivery of letters and postcards;

(b) whether Nimta Sub-Post Office within North Dum Dum Municipality has received no Calcutta Zonal number as yet;

(c) whether Birati area in the same municipality is served by postal zone number of Calcutta area;

(d) if so, reasons for this discrimination; and

(e) when Nimta will also be given a Calcutta Zonal number?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan