

when the train was half-way through the 900 yard long tunnel between Malangir and Dharuka; and

(b) if so, whether, as a result of choking by smoke and steam, the driver and the firemen of the back engine were found unconscious?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No. But 18 Dn. South-bound G.T. Express, while passing through tunnel No. 5 situated between Dharakhoh and Maramjhiri Stations on 13-6-57 was brought to a halt with the rear five bogies and the banking engine standing inside the tunnel due to the alarm chain having been pulled by one of the passengers in the rear bogie of the train.

(b) The fireman of the banking engine became unconscious and the driver of banking engine was in a semi-conscious state due to the dense smoke from the banking engine.

#### Patna Aerodrome

\*1161. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the modernisation and expansion scheme of the Patna aerodrome;

(b) whether it is a fact that some time back Government decided to expand the capacity of the aerodrome in Patna, so that bigger planes may be able to land there;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in near future to expedite the expansion programme?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) The present aerodrome is the property of the State Government and no development works can, therefore, be undertaken by the Civil Aviation Department until it has been transferred to that department.

(b) to (d). Due to its close proximity to the town, it is not technically possible to extend the existing aerodrome at Patna for taking in aircraft bigger than Dakotas which require longer runs for taking off and landing.

#### Wireless Signalling Apparatus

\*1163. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to use the wireless signalling apparatus in every train to avoid accidents; and

(b) whether these machines are being manufactured in Bharat Electronics, Bangalore?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन

\*११६४. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन द्वारा विदेशों से खरीदी गई मशीनरी को प्रयोग में लाये बिना ही बेच दिया गया ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उस मशीनरी का ध्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यह क्यों मगवाई गई थी ?

साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री ( श्री स० प्र० जैन ) : (क) से (ग) . सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है ।  
(देखिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या ६५)

#### Indebtedness of Railway Employees

\*1167. **Shri Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average annual percentage of the clerical staff of the South-Eastern Railway who take