

Royal Nepal Air Services

*868. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any adverse effect on the revenue of the Indian Airlines Corporation since the inauguration of the Royal Nepal Air Services from Delhi, Patna and Calcutta to Kathmandu;

(b) if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) whether there is any agreement between the two companies on the fare to avoid competition?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohluddin): (a) and (b). It is too early to gauge the effects of the operations of Royal Nepal Airlines on the revenues of the Indian Airlines Corporation since the Royal Nepal Airlines commenced operating to India only in January last.

(c) Yes, Sir. Both the airlines charge the same fares between places in India and Kathmandu.

Closure of Railway Quarry

*869. { **Shri P. G. Sen:**
Shri Bholanath Biswas:
Shri Jhulan Sinha:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taljhari Railway Quarry has been closed on the 15th February, 1960 and the workers are facing starvation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is due to the shorter supply of wagons this year than in the previous years;

(c) whether it is due to the enforcement of minimum wages at Taljhari Railway Quarry; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons for the closure?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The

Railway Quarry at Taljhari has not been closed. It is worked by a contractor, whose labour struck work on 13-2-1960 after working partially on that day. The strike was called off on 17-2-1960 and workers returned to work.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No information in this respect has been received from any State Government official.

(d) There was no closure. According to the contractor working the quarry, his labour went on strike on instigation by certain individuals from Pakur area

Telephone Directory for Delhi

*870. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no telephone directory has been issued in Delhi since October, 1958;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) when the next one is likely to be issued?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) to (c). A directory has been printed in February and is being issued to subscribers.

Sewage Going into Yamuna

*871. { **Shri Radha Raman:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to some adverse reaction and the fright created thereby regarding the fact that forty million gallons of sewage are mixed into the Yamuna daily as indicated in the draft of Delhi's Master Plan; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken or propose to take any