

Overcrowding on Trains on Western Railway

*472. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to press reports published in the Gujarati papers complaining about overcrowding in all passenger trains of the Western Railway and specially its metre-gauge section, carrying passengers in and out of Mahagujarat i.e. the areas of Gujarat, Saurashtra and Cutch; and

(b) whether Government will increase the railway trains and the passenger coaches in the current trains in the metre-gauge section?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Mail and Express trains have been strengthened to the maximum permissible load and special trains have also been arranged during times of heavy rush consistently with the availability of stock and the volume of traffic.

Further strengthening of trains and running of additional trains will be undertaken as additional carriages and section capacity become available.

Civil Aviation Department Employees Union

*473. { **Shri Kodliyan:**
Shri M. R. Krishna:
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Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Civil Aviation Department Employees Union have submitted a charter of demands to Government; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered those demands and taken any decision on them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands were discussed by the Director General of Civil Aviation with the representatives of the Union on the 14th and 15th May, 1957 and the position regarding each demand was explained to them.

Vijayawada Railway Station

*474. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1075 on the 21st December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the plans for remodeling of the Vijayawada Station are completed;

(b) when the work will be completed; and

(c) whether there is any change in the plans?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The plans for remodelling of Vijayawada Station have been completed.

(b) The work on the station building is expected to be completed in 1959.

(c) The change in the layout of the Yard (particularly the Marshalling Yard) is found necessary to cope with the further anticipated increase in goods traffic by the end of the Second Five Year Plan and the revision of plans is in hand.

Suspension of Railway Employees

*475. **Shri Subodh Hasda:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1366 on the 19th December, 1956 and state:

(a) the number of railway employees who are still under suspension and in respect of whom service records are being verified; and

(b) when their cases are likely to be finalised?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). 13 employees against whom no charge was preferred by the Police are under suspension, pending departmental action against them. 3 employees under suspension who have just been acquitted have not been taken back