

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Ministry of Labour keeps any statistics of the persons who have been trained there and who have been able to get any gainful employment?

Shri Abid Ali: Sir, they are advised to enrol themselves in the nearest Employment Exchange and necessary efforts are made to place them. I believe most of them have been placed. But, I have not got the figures.

OVER-CROWDING IN TRAINS BETWEEN DELHI AND HARDWAR

*885. **Shri Dabhi:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is great over-crowding in the trains running between Delhi and Hardwar?

(b) If so, what steps do Government propose to take to remove this over-crowding?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A certain amount of over-crowding in Inter and Third classes was noticed on the Mussoorie and Dehra Dun Express trains between Delhi and Hardwar.

(b) An additional passenger train between Delhi and Hardwar was introduced in early June and the position regarding over-crowding has already improved considerably as a result.

Shri Dabhi: May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that Hardwar is a place of pilgrimage and there is always a great rush of passengers going there the steps that are taken by the Government are sufficient to remove the over-crowding?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Ordinarily, there is a great rush when there are religious festivals and the Government is always conscious of this fact and takes appropriate steps.

Shrimati A. Kale: Is Government aware that there is general over-crowding in the third and inter class all over India and that inter-class and third-class passengers are the people who pay most to the railways?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir, we are fully aware of this.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): I should add, Sir, that the position has lately very much improved.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: May I know why is it not possible for the local station staff to attach one or two additional bogeys in cases of extreme over-crowding?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is done when there is any necessity for it.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that over-crowding of third class is common all over India and whether Government have taken any steps to give help to the travelling public?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I have already answered this, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is between Delhi and Hardwar. We are going all over India—that question has also already been put by Shrimati Kale.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: He had not given the answer, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Because the answer was not given am I to allow every hon. Member to put a question?

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Sir, that question was about inter-class.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It was about both inter-class and third-class.

DERAILMENT OF AGRA-KATHGODAM TRAIN

*886. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Agra-Kathgodam passenger train derailed near Achnera station on the 31st May, 1953?

(b) How many passengers sustained injuries and how many of them died?

(c) What were the causes of the derailment?

(d) What loss have Government incurred on account of this accident?

(e) Has any investigation been made and if so, with what result?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No derailment occurred to Agra-Kathgodam Passenger train near Achnera station on 31st May, 1953 as stated in the question, but three bogies fourth, fifth and seventh from the engine of 320 Down Ahmedabad-Agra Express train derailed in Achnera yard at about 7:26 hours on 31st May, 1953.

(b) No one was killed or injured.

(c) and (e). An enquiry was held into this accident by a Committee of District Railway Officers. The cause of the accident has not yet been finally determined.

(d) The approximate cost of damage to railway property was Rs. 225.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRE

*887. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an Agricultural Extension Training Centre is going to be started or has been started in Himachal Pradesh at the cost of the Government of India?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Yes, an Extension Training Centre has been opened at Mashobra in Himachal Pradesh. The cost of the centre is to be met by the Government of India, Technical Cooperation Administration, the Ford Foundation and the Himachal Pradesh Government.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know the nature and the period of training?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The training centre has been set up for the purpose of training village level workers to supervise and man the community projects.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the number of trainees trained annually in this centre?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: This centre has been started on the 15th June and there are already 40 workers trained there.

Shri S. N. Das: I want to know the capacity of this organisation to train. How many persons will be trained annually?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Forty persons in this centre.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether such centres are being started at other places also?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There are a number of such centres all over the country.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know if there is any special training given to these trainees with regard to modern scientific methods of farming?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They have been trained in agricultural co-operation, panchayats, village housing, public health, sanitation and hygiene, animal husbandry, fishing etc.

Shri Barman: What is the period of training?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Six months.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: How can the whole of the syllabus be covered in this short period?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member may go and see.

Shri Achuthan: May I know whether this training is given as a short-term course or whether there will be any other training for a long-term course, and what is the stipend that is given to the students?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is a sort of training centre for village level workers and they are trained there for six months. Then they are put in charge of the community project centres and they are rendering service there.