

(b) if so, the decision arrived at ; and

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table of the Sabha ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, in due course.

Over-crowding in Trains

*455. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to remove overcrowding in trains, specially on the Western and the Eastern Railways within next five years ; and

(b) if so, main features of the scheme ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) Certain tentative proposals have been formulated for providing additional passenger train accommodation on Railways during the 2nd Five Year Plan period.

(b) the main features of these proposals are :—

(i) Increase in line capacity on some sections to enable additional trains being run ;

(ii) provision of new passenger stock and locomotives both for replacement and to cater to additional traffic ; and

(iii) maximum utilisation of old and over-aged stock.

Ship Building

*461. { **Shri D. C. Sharma :**
Sardar Akarpuri :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 693 on the 14th March, 1956, and state :

(a) whether any agreement has since been arrived at between the Government of India and the Government of Yugoslavia with regard to the building of ships ; and

(b) if so, the nature of the agreement ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b) . Discussions were recently held between the representatives of the Western Shipping Corporation (Private) Ltd., a State owned and State operated shipping Company, and a delegation of shipping

experts from Yugoslavia regarding building of ships for India in Yugoslavian Yards. As a result of the above discussions, the Corporation has decided to place, through the State Trading Corporation (India) Ltd., an order with the "Uljanik" Shipyard, Pula, Yugoslavia, for the construction of a Motor Cargo Vessel of 10,510 metric tons D. W. C. The formal contract for the purchase of the above ship is expected to be signed by the end of August, 1956.

कांस्टेल्शन वायुयान

*४६४. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एयर इंडिया इंटरनेशनल द्वारा अमेरिका से खरीदे गये सुपर जी० कांस्टेल्शन वायुयान प्रयोग में लाये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे कैसा काम दे रहे हैं ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) :

(क) जिन तीन सुपर कांस्टेल्शन १०४६ बी० विमानों के लिये क्रय आदेश दिया था उन में से अभी एक ही प्राप्त हुआ है। वह गैलकल दीर्घा संभार (Galley equipment) के प्रतिष्ठापन के लिये भूमि पर है।

(ख) यह विमान जब से आया है तब से भाटक, प्रशिक्षण और अभ्यास के लिये की गई उड़ानों पर १०६ घंटे उड़ा है। इन १०६ घंटों की उड़ानों में यह संतोष-प्रद पाया गया है।

Assam Rail-link

*465. **Shri Amjad Ali :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has made an on-the-spot inspection of the conditions during the floods and monsoons from the 23rd June, 1956 onwards of the Assam rail-link ; and

(b) how he proposes to cope with the annual visitations like inundations and consequent dislocation of traffic in the rail-link ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) Yes Sir.