

HAWKING IN RAILWAY COMPARTMENTS

869. **Shri M. L. Agrawal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hawkers raise loud cries in the compartments of moving and standing trains for selling and advertising their merchandises;

(b) whether the Railway receives any payment from the hawkers for allowing them to ply their trade inside the train and if so, what, and at what rates;

(c) whether it is a fact that this hawking causes inconvenience to passengers; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Complaints of unauthorised hawking of this type have been received.

(b) No, Railways do not permit hawking inside train compartments.

(c) Yes, the type of unauthorised hawking referred to above by the hon. Member does cause annoyance.

(d) Travelling Ticket Examiners have special instructions to check and prevent this nuisance. In addition, special anti-trespass and anti-mendicant drives are arranged through special railway staff in certain areas. The Commercial and Operating Heads of Indian Railways have further been specially instructed at a meeting convened at Delhi to strengthen these drives and to take all possible steps to prevent this nuisance.

INDIAN SEAMEN

870. **Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian seamen engaged in foreign and Indian shipping companies respectively in the year 1952; and

(b) the rates of wages of these seamen during the years 1947 to 1952?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The total number of seamen engaged on Indian articles during the year 1952 is approximately 56,250, out of whom approximately 16,200 were employed on British ships. Figures of the number of Indian Seamen employed on Indian and Foreign Ships respectively are not readily available.

(b) A statement showing the rates of wages of the various categories of Indian seamen is attached. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 13.]

There has been no change in the rates during the period from 1947 to 1952.

बिजली से चलने वाली रेल गाड़ियां

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रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कुल कितने मील लम्बी लाइनों पर बिजली की गाड़ियां चलती हैं; तथा

(ख) यह गाड़ियां किन किन नगरों से चलती हैं?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The total electrified route mileage on Railways in India is 239.79 miles.

(b) Bombay, Madras and Poona are the main cities