

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Janata Express

48. Shri Achalu : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to run a weekly Janata Express between Vijayawada and Bombay via Hyderabad has been dropped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No. It will, however, take sometime before it can materialise, when additional line capacity, coaches and locomotives become available for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

Steel

49. Shri Achalu: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of steel received by the Railways between 1st April to 31st October, 1956; and

(b) the works held up due to short supply?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 0.20 Million tons approximately upto 30-9-56.

(b) New Lines, Relayings, Bridge Works, construction of buildings and repair works in the Workshops, etc.

Village Feeder Roads (Mysore)

50. Shri KeshavaIengar: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing.

(a) the total number and cost of the schemes received from the State of Mysore for the construction of village feeder roads on co-operative basis year-wise from 1953-54 to 1956-57;

(b) what are the number and amount of grants made by the Central Road Fund (ordinary) reserve for the above; and

(c) what are the respective sums utilised and the amounts lapsed each year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). A statement is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 24]

Thefts in Goods Sheds

51. Shri Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thefts and burglaries committed in Northern Railway goods sheds from 1st April, up to the end of October, 1956; and

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 112

(b) 106

Improvement of Back ward Areas.

52. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 551 on the 9th August, 1956 and state:

(a) the number and nature of schemes sanctioned, undertaken and completed in different backward areas under the programme of permanent improvement during the Five Year Plan, in the different States of India; and

(b) the extent of irrigation provision and other facilities so far achieved by these schemes?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). A statement showing the number of schemes sanctioned in different States in scarcity areas under the programme of permanent improvement during the First Five Year Plan and their progress is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See. No. S-452/56.*]

Delhi Road Transport

**53. { Shri Jhulan Sinha;
Shri Ram Krishan;
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buses meant for running on the Delhi Roads during the year 1955-56;

(b) the average number actually running during the period; and

(c) the number of new buses to be run on different routes during the current year, route-wise?