

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A few representations were received in 1954 and 1955.

(b) The matter was examined and it was found that there was not adequate justification for the provision of a station or a halt as had been desired.

Guntakal-Madakasina Railway Line

355. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to open a new Railway line connecting Guntakal and Madakasina via Urvakonda and Kalyandrug in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to implement the proposal?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Public Call Office at Tanakalla

356. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a public call office at Tanakalla of Anantapur District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when it will be opened?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) & (b). The proposal is under examination. It will be sanctioned if it does not involve any loss to the department, or, in case of loss, somebody guarantees reimbursement to that extent.

Late Running of Trains on Bangalore-Masulipatam Section

357. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Bangalore and Masulipatam Section of

Southern Railway the trains have been running late for the past six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bar Association of Dharmavaram has also passed resolution in this respect; and

(c) if so, what remedial action has been taken in the matter?

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

(b) The Government are not aware of any such resolution.

(c) Prior to 1st April 57, the Punctuality performance of passenger trains on this section was not satisfactory. A punctuality drive has been launched and intensified to bring about an improvement. The position has improved since and is expected to improve still further.

Express Trains between Renigunta and Hyderabad

358. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is demand for starting an express train between Renigunta and Hyderabad via Dharmavaram-Guntakal and Dronachalam on Southern Railway;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra have also made recommendations for starting such a train?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (c). Such a recommendation has been received only from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The position has been examined and the examination has disclosed that the traffic over the concerned sections does not justify such a service.

Running of Shuttle Train between Hindupur-Guntakal

359. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether, in view of the fact

that there is a great deal of traffic between Hindupur and Guntakal on Southern Railway, it is proposed to run a shuttle train service or diesel coach service connecting these two important stations to avoid congestion in mail trains also?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Due to paucity of coaching stock and locomotives, priority for the introduction of additional passenger carrying trains has to be given to sections where the overcrowding is excessive, and having due regard to the extent of overcrowding that prevails, there is no proposal in hand to run a shuttle train service or diesel coach service between Guntakal and Hindupur.

केन्द्रीय अनाज गोदाम

३६०. { श्री श्रीनारायण दास :
पंडित म० ब० भार्गव :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय विभिन्न राज्यों में विशेषतया बिहार में केन्द्रीय अनाज गोदाम कहां कहां और कितने हैं;

(ख) मार्च, १९५७ में उन गोदामों में कितना अनाज था; और

(ग) इन गोदामों के प्रमुखों का क्या दर्जा रहता है और इन के कर्तव्य और कृत्य क्या हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि उप मंत्री (श्री छ० म० रामस) : (क) और (ख). केन्द्रीय अनाज गोदामों के केन्द्रों का एक विवरण साथ में नत्थी किया जाता है। [बेल्जिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या ४७]।

(ग) छोटे गोदामों का प्रमुख एक गोदाम नान-गजटी सुपरिन्टेन्डेंट जिस का वेतन स्केल रु० २५०-३२५ है, होता है। जहाँ अधिक स्टाल हैं अथवा कोई अन्य विशेष कारण हैं, वहाँ गजटी अधिकारी सहायक निदेश के तुल्य पद वाला (वेतन स्केल रु० ३५०-५५०) रखा जाता है उन का कृत्य

गोदामों का प्रबन्ध करना और अनाज को लेना तथा देना है। गोदामों पर रीजनल डाइरेक्टरों का सर्वांग निरीक्षण रहता है।

Expansion of Railways in Assam

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

(a) whether the planning done for expansion of Railways in Assam for the Second Five Year Plan will be upset if the oil refinery is established anywhere within the State of Assam; and

(b) whether in view of the urgency of the establishment of oil refinery for the oil fields of Assam, Government are thinking of any revision of their plan of expansion in Assam?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Provision of rail facilities required in connection with the setting up of a Refinery for refining the oil found in Assam has not been included in the Second Five Year Plan for the Railways. Therefore, separate provision will be required to cater for additional movement of traffic depending on where the refinery is established.

Cargo of foodgrains

362. Shri Easwara Iyer: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether steamers with cargo of foodgrains do not regularly call at the Valiathura Pier at Trivandrum?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The Valiathura pier at Trivandrum is used whenever any foodgrains are discharged from steamer calling at Trivandrum which is nominated as the port of discharge from time to time in the light of all relevant factors such as weather conditions, local requirements, and vacant storage accommodation.

Training of Block Development Officers

363. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works of National Extension Service