

A statement furnishing the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 77.]

(c) The late running of these trains was mainly due to flooding of track on the Bombay-Poona section on account of torrential rains.

(d) As the unprecedented rains in June-July had brought about considerable damage to the track particularly on Poona-Kalyan section, the work of rehabilitating the track on the section made it necessary to impose a number of speed restrictions and in order to provide for the speed restrictions arrangements were made, with effect from 28th July, 1958, to start No. 302 Deccan Queen from Poona 15 minutes in advance of its scheduled departure so as to bring that train to time at Bombay V.T. No. 301 Dn. Deccan Queen was scheduled to arrive Poona 15 minutes later with effect from the same date in order to absorb the loss of time on account of cautious driving. As the work of rehabilitating the track was practically completed in the third week of August 1958, the original timings have been restored with effect from 24th August, 1958. During the month of August, the punctuality of the trains has improved.

Employment Potential in Transport and Road Construction

2004. Shri Anrudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in Motor Transport as on the 31st December, 1957 in the country; and

(b) the number of persons estimated to be employed per annum during the Second Five Year Plan on road construction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The information required is not available. It will be collected from the State Governments and placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Amenities at Kantabanji Railway Station

2005. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1909 on the 1st April, 1958 and state the progress made in providing electric lights and fans at Kantabanji Railway Station building and staff quarters?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): 1. The building and platforms of Kantabanji Station have already been provided with lights.

2. Negotiations for power supply from Orissa Government are finalised and service connection is expected shortly.

3. The work of providing fans and additional lights in the 3rd and upper class waiting rooms, lights on approach road to the station, additional lights in the station buildings, and providing lights and fans in the staff quarters is expected to be carried out during the financial year or soon after.

Payment of Staff on South Eastern Railway

2006. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2336 on the 14th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the pending cases of payment to the staff in South Eastern Railway have been finalised;

(b) if not, the number of such old and new cases pending so far; and

(c) the steps being taken for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) All pending cases have been finalised.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.