

ment on the grant of Burmese or Indian citizenship to such persons;

(b) if so, what is the number of such persons repatriated to India during the last three years;

(c) how many of them are Indian citizens;

(d) what is the number of persons of Indian origin now left in Burma; and

(e) whether it is a fact that a vast majority of persons amongst them are eligible for the Burmese citizenship but a very few have been formally granted the Burmese citizenship so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1857.

(c) Most of the repatriates were documentless persons of Indian origin.

(d) No authentic figures are available. However, according to our Embassy's estimate there are still between 3 or 4 lakhs persons of Indian descent in Burma.

(e) Yes, Sir. Many persons of Indian origin are, ipso facto Burmese citizens under the Constitution and Citizenship Laws of Burma, though in many cases they might not have acquired Burma Union Citizenship Certificates.

#### Maintenance of record of late running Mail/Express trains

293. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased ot state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway authorities maintain a record of delays in the arrival of mail and

express trains at their final destination; and

(b) whether a train-wise statement for the average delay during 1979, giving also the scheduled running time between the station of origin and the station of destination, will be made available, alongwith a similar statement for the first two months of 1980;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHAHIEF): (a) 'Yes.

(b) The information relating to over 250 pairs of Mail/Express trains for a period of 14 months is very voluminous and the collection of this date besides requiring considerable time and effort may not serve any useful purpose. This information is however being maintained in the form of average punctuality percentage of Mail/Express trains on the Zonal Railways which for the relevant period was as under:—

Period	Punctuality Performance	
	BG.	MG.
1979-80 (upto Dec. '79)	84.5%	86.5%
Jan. 1980	86.9%	89.5%
Feb. 1980	88.6%	89.1%

The improving trend on the Broad Gauge is being maintained and is currently around 90 per cent. The disturbed conditions in North Eastern region are however standing in the way of further improvement on the metre gauge system.