

account of such engine failures since the inauguration of broad gauge service in the district of Katihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

DEMOTION OF LOCO-DRIVERS AND FIREMEN

*87. SHRI R. RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loco-drivers and firemen are considered unfit to work in their respective posts after they get their eye-sight damaged by flying coal particles while on duty; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such drivers and/or firemen who either lost their job or were demoted to an inferior post during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): Information is being awaited from certain Railways and a statement will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

'TELEX' TELEPHONE SYSTEM

*88. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating the introduction of 'Telex' Telephone System in certain towns of India;

(b) if so, which are those towns; and

(c) when this system will be introduced in each town?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes. The telex system is already working on an experimental basis between Bombay and Ahmedabad.

(b) The other towns where it is proposed to introduce telex system during the Third Five-Year Plan are:

1. Calcutta;
2. Delhi;
3. Madras;
4. Rajkot;
5. Kanpur;
6. Nagpur;
7. Coimbatore;
8. Patna;
9. Poona;
10. Bangalore;
11. Gauhati;
12. Amritsar;
13. Jamshedpur;
14. Cuttack;
15. Secunderabad;
16. Lucknow;
17. Ambala; and
18. Tiruchirappalli.

(c) This system will be expanded in Bombay and introduced in Calcutta, Delhi and Madras by the end of 1962. Expansion of the Ahmedabad system and introduction of the system in other towns will be taken up in progressive stages during the Third Five-Year Plan.

INDIAN FLAG VESSELS

*89. SHRI J. H. JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian flag vessels were employed to carry foodgrains from the United States of America to our country in the year 1961-62; and

(b) the freight paid to them during that period?