

the increased traffic offering on these lines? If not, why not?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There has been practically no increase in traffic. As a matter of fact, we have stock just enough to meet the requirements and we did not plan for any increase or additional trains in the Second Plan.

DELAY AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BOOKING OF E CLASS TRAFFIC TO SOUTH FROM BARODA AND RAJKOT DIVISIONS

***459. SHRI MAGANBHAI S. PATEL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1960-61 booking of E Class traffic to South from Baroda and Rajkot Divisions was delayed for months together;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were frequent restrictions for booking of E class traffic to stations via Raichur, via Dohad and via Arkonam;

(c) whether it is a fact that Railway authorities do not make registration of wagons to show that there was less of booking; and

(d) whether similar complaints about delay in booking were received from the Central Railway also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Booking was delayed for certain sections in the South, but not for months together;

(b) Restrictions were imposed occasionally via Raichur and via Arkonam. No restrictions were imposed via Dohad.

(c) No; registrations are free normally, except for quota limited destinations to which a limit is imposed equal to 20 times the quota, or 25 wagons per division, whichever is greater during the busy season.

(d) Yes.

***460. [The questioner (Shri D. B. Desai) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2895-96 infra.]**

PUBLICATION OF 'RASHTRIYA PANCHANG'

***461. SHRI ABDUL RAHIM:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Rashtriya Panchang" is published annually by his Ministry;

(b) if so, since which year it is being published;

(c) how many copies of the 'Panchang' were printed and sold last year;

(d) whether it is a fact that due publicity is not given to the effect that such a 'Panchang' is being published by Government;

(e) what steps Government propose to take to make the 'Panchang' available in all parts of the country, and

(f) whether Government propose to consider the suggestions made by certain sections of the public that arrangements should be made to make it available at all the post offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHTUDIN): (a) Yes.

(b) Since 1879 Saka Era, corresponding to 1957-58.

(c) 17,600 copies were printed and about 8,480 copies were sold.

(d) No. Publicity is given by issuing Press Notes. Copies are also supplied free to interested institutions, libraries, Information Centres, etc.

(e) The Panchangs are available for sale through the agents of the Manager of Publications and the various States Government Book Depots.

(f) No such suggestion has been made and in any case it is not a practicable one.

SHRI ABDUL RAHIM: May I know whether the large number of copies lying unsold in the lumber rooms could not be sold in the post offices like post cards?