

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) Express Delivery letters are despatched from Hansi in Punjab on Post Office holidays, but not on Sundays.

(b) There is no proposal for despatch of E.D. letters on Sundays. All post offices, with the exception of Night Post Offices and Mobile Post Offices, are completely closed on Sundays and, there is no clearance or despatch of mails on such days. Only late fee articles posted at R.M.S. offices and sections, and at Telegraphs offices at certain selected places are accepted and despatched on Sundays. E.D. letters are given special treatment at offices of destination and not at offices of posting.

COMPLAINT AGAINST OPERATORS OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

20. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint that the operators of Chandigarh, Hissar and Sirsa telephone exchanges are very much negligent in responding to the call of the subscribers; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) Some complaints of their behaviour have been received.

(b) The complaints have been investigated and suitable action taken in each case.

SALE OF NIVAQUIN IN BLACK-MARKET

21. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nivaquin is being sold in the black-market;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Gov-

ernment have taken steps to check the black-marketing; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) "Nivaquin" which is a synthetic antimalarial and which is the proprietary product of a specific firm is in short supply in the country. Reports of its being sold at higher prices have been received from the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Madras and Andhra Pradesh. There have not been any reports of black-marketing of this drug from any other State.

(b) As supplies of this drug made by other firms are available at normal prices, no specific action to deal with the rise in price of 'Nivaquin' was presumably taken by State Governments.

(c) The question does not arise.

STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS TO PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY THE BOMBAY SUBURBAN TRAIN

22. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 456 in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th August, 1960 and state which of the steps stated in the answer to the said question are proposed to be taken or have been taken to prevent accidents to passengers travelling on the Bombay suburban train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Steps to prevent accidents to passengers travelling on the Bombay suburban trains, and present position in regard to the implementation of the said measures

(i) Running trains with increased accommodation during peak hours:

This is being implemented. On the Central Railway, additional Electric