सम्बन्ध में कुछ सलाह केन्द्र से दी गई है और उसके अनुसार जब डिजाइन बनेगा तब काम सुरू हो जायगा ।

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT THE BANARAS CANTONMENT STATION

•379. Shri Faridul Haq ansari: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the 15th March, 1959, a light engine ran into a stationary passenger train at Banaras Cantonment station at 11.30 A.M.? If so, what was the loss and the number of casualties as a result of this accident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): Yes, Sir. As a 'result of the impact seven persons sustained minor injuries. The approximate cost of damage to Railway property was Rs. 1,500/-.,

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know what was the reason for this accident?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The reason was that a light engine came and bumped into the rear of the passenger train. That was the reason.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Has any enquiry been made to ascertain who was responsible for it?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: A senior scale railway officers enquiry has been instituted. The report is awaited.

PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAINS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

•380. Shri FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of new passenger and goods trains which were introduced on the Indian Railways during the period January to April, 1959?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): 79 new passenger trains and 56 goods

trains. The figure for goods trains covers the period January to March, 1959, as figures for April, 1959 are not yet available.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether any introduction of new trains has been made on the Allahabad-Chapra and Shahganj-Ballia lines?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I could not give offhand the exact lines on which these trains have been introduced, but if the hon. Member would like to know the number of trains on each Railway, I could give that.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is intended to introduce any train between Delhi and Bombay *via* Jhansi, any Janata Express, because there is so much of overcrowding in the Punjab Mail and the Pathankot Express?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is no intention of running any more Janata Train at present.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May *I* know the total number which the passenger trains have so far come up to?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I said that from January to April, 79 new passenger trains have been introduced.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: I wanted to know the total number of passenger trains running at the moment.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is over 4,000.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any trains start **and** end at Delhi Shahdara?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He means trains which start there and end there.

श्रो पां० ना० राजभोज: क्या माननीय मंत्री जी कृपा करके बतलायेंगे कि बम्बई श्रीर इटारसी की तरफ से कोई दूसरी डिलक्स ट्रेन दिल्ली तक श्रा सकती है ? वैस्टर्न रेलवे की तरह सेंट्रल रेलवे में डिलक्स ट्रेन क्यों नहीं चलती है, कृपा करके इसका खवाब दीजिये।

श्री झाहनवाज खां : श्रभी जितने हमारे पास रेक्स हैं उसके मुताबिक डिलक्स ट्रेन्स चल रही हैं । उससे ज्यादा डिलक्स ट्रेन्स चलाने की हमारे पास इस वक्त गुंजाइश नहीं है ।

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: What happened to my question, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any trains which start and end at the Delhi Shahdara station? That is his question.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I could not tell about all these stations, Sir. There are thousands of them.

DR. A. N. BOSE: Have any old trains been cancelled? If so, how many?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We have increased the number of trains.

Dr. A. N. .BOSE: There may have been a total increase. But have any old trains been cancelled? If so, how many and which are they?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I do not have that information with me now, but personally I do not think that any trains have been cancelled. If any trains have at all been cancelled, there could be only one reason, and that is scarcity of passengers on that particular line

DR. A. N. BOSE: As for the line between Sealdah and Bongaon I am definitely aware that a few trains have been cancelled not due to lack 6f passengers because all the trains are already overcrowded.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The cancellation of one type of train merely means the introduction of another type of train.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Better type.

DR. A. N. BOSE: But the total number must be the same.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: In the interest of giving priority to the goods traffic, the carriage of goods, sometimes we may be forced to cancel a passenger train here or there.

DR. A. N. BOSE: Are we to understand that in some cases passenger trains have been replaced by goods trains?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I say that in some extreme cases it might have been done.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the introduction of these trains has reduced overcrowding, and if so, to what extent?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I think it will be wrong to say that the introduction of these trains has reduced overcrowding to any great extent. The increase in population and the consequent increase in the number of passengers travelling is very much more than the increase in the number of trains we can introduce.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH: Do the new trains carry more passengers?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

नशनल फैडरेशन आफ रेलवेमेन द्वारा सुझाई गई समझौता मशीनरी

*३८१. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहानं : क्यां रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेशनल फैडरेशन आफ रेलवें मेन ने सरकार को यह