

extra trains during this season cannot be made?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA:- Extra trains have been arranged and the number has increased considerably. Extra trips and extra trains have been arranged.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know how many new trains have been introduced?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 36 new trains have been introduced and the runs of 23 trains extended. Consistent with the availability of line capacity, coaches and locomotives, it is proposed to introduce more trains on the Pandu region of the North Eastern Railway. It is all there in the statement.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: I presume that these 36 trains which have been introduced cover the entire North Eastern Railway system. This question relates to one particular section, to what is known as the Assam Section.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is in the Pandu region.

**PRIORITY TO THE GRAND TRUNK EXPRESS
OVER THE DEHRA DUN EXPRESS ON THE
MATHURA-DELHI LINE**

*412. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions have been issued as regards giving priority to the Grand Trunk Express on the Mathura-Delhi line in preference to the Dehra Dun Express;

(b) whether this priority is given even if the Grand Trunk Express is unusually late and such a priority is going to make the Dehra Dun Express too late; and

(c) whether there have been any special cases during the last five months when such a priority was not given to the Grand Trunk Express?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) and (b). No specific instructions have been issued, but whenever No. 15 Down Grand Trunk Express, which is a faster train, is running late to such an extent that it arrives at Mathura more or less at the same time as No. 33 Down Dehra Dun Express, or follows the latter on the Mathura-Delhi Section, precedence is given to the former comparatively faster train.

(c) No, Sir.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is it not correct that many a time the Dehra Dun Express arrives in the platform, about 15 minutes earlier than the G.T. Express, but even then the Dehra Dun Express has been detained?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I have replied that it is only when it arrives at Mathura more or less at the same time, that the Dehra Dun Express is detained. Not otherwise.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: As it is a faster train, preference is given to it.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether it is not correct that when the Minister for Railways travels in the Dehra Dun Express, the G. T. Express does not get that precedence?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir, I am only making a statement of fact and.....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No insinuations.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: It is not an allegation; it happened on the morning of 12th January 1956.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know on how many days in a month this G. T. Express reaches Delhi in time?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: My experience is—and I mostly travel by G. T. Express—that of late it is coming in time. Only during the strike at Kazipet that it used to come late; otherwise generally, it comes in time.

SHRI ABHIMANYU RATH: May I know whether the hon. Minister has come fully prepared to answer the questions here?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is giving the answers.

SHRI K. L. NARASIMHAM: I want to know from the hon. Minister what he means by 'of late'. Is it for the last six months or six years?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: During the time of the Kazipet strike, the G. T. Express had to be diverted *via* Waltair, Raipur- and Nagpur and so it was coming late at that time.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anyway that is a different question. We are concerned now with the preference given to G.T. Express over the Dehra Dun Express.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: If the question of preference is raised, naturally the question of the G. T. Express coming late is also involved and we would want to know how many times that preference is availed of.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has given the reply that when the G. T. Express arrives at Mathura station more or less at the same time as the Dehra Dun Express, it is given preference.

*413. [The questioner (Maulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3900 infra.]

रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटियां

*४१४. श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटी ने सन् १९५५-५६ में कितनी नई शाखाएँ

खोलने की अनुमति दी है ; और

(ख) सोसाइटी के एक ग्राम यूनिट में कितने कार्यकर्ता काम करते हैं ?

RED CROSS SOCIETIES

*414. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new branches sanctioned by the Central Red Cross Society to be opened during 1955-56; and

(b) the number of workers under the charge of a village unit of the society?]

स्वास्थ्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती एम० चन्द्र-शेखर) : (क) एक ।

(ख) भारतीय रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी ने ग्राम यूनिटों के लिये कार्यकर्तियों की कोई संख्या निर्धारित नहीं की है क्योंकि यह काम उन स्वयंसेवकों द्वारा किया जाता है जो राज्य व जिला शाखाओं को उपलब्ध होते हैं ।

-(THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) One.

(b) No scale of staff for village units has been prescribed by the Indian Red Cross Society, as this work is done by such voluntary workers as are available to State and district branches.]

श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You know English; she does not know Hindi. Why not ask the question in English?

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know how far these urban workers can cope with the demand

[English translation.