

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Yes, a small acreage has been resumed.

(b) Of the 27,146 acres of railway land handed over to State Governments. 322 acres have been resumed by the Railways.

AIRCRAFT WITH THE AIR CORPORATIONS

240. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and types of aircraft used by (i) the Indian Airlines Corporation and (ii) the Air India International Corporation;

(b) what is the book value of these aircraft; and

(c) what is their present market value?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a), (b) and (c). The required information is given in the statement attached. [See Appendix X, Annexure No. 77.]

NIGHT AIR MAIL SERVICES

241. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any decrease in freight and passengers by the night air mail services in the second half of 1954 as compared to the first half; if so, why; and

(b) what was the position of the traffic by the night air mail services in the first half of 1956?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Airlines Corporation reduced the all-up-weight of Dakota aircraft from 26,200 lbs. to 25,500 lbs. in night air mail services thereby reducing the net payload by 700 lbs. There was also increase in the quantity of mails offered for carriage on the night services, which

meant a reduction in the capacity available for passengers and freight.

(b) Consequent on the restrictions imposed there was a further decrease in the number of passengers and freight carried during the first half of the year 1955 as can be seen from the comparative figures furnished below:—

Period	Number of passengers	Freight (lbs.)
July—December 1954	5*630	4i67>43o
Jan.—June 1955	3,462	4>25,89>

REFRESHER COURSE FOR LEPROSY WORKERS

242. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has decided to hold a refresher course for leprosy workers;

(b) if so, where it will be started; and

(c) who will finance the scheme?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Refresher Course in Leprosy will be held at the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

(c) The scheme will be financed partly by the Indian Council of Medical Research and partly by* the Gandhi Memorial Lenrosv Foundation.

बंकार टाइबारों और लकड़ी के स्लीपरों की बिक्री

२४३. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय रेलों द्वारा बंकार टाइबारों और लकड़ी के स्लीपरों की बिक्री किस प्रकार की जाती है ;