

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: The other people concerned in this transaction?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The culprits were convicted and they were dismissed.

CARS PURCHASED FOR THE STAFF CAR POOL

*678. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many new cars were purchased for the Staff Car Pool during the period from January to August 1955;

(b) the total cost of these new cars;

(c) the Ministries for which these cars were purchased; and

(d) whether any expenditure has been incurred on the servicing and repairs to these cars since their Purchase?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) Five.

(b) Rs. 57,300.

(c) Ministries of (1) Commerce and Industry; (2) Food and Agriculture; (3) Transport (Transport Wing); (4) Education and (5) Planning Commission.

(d) Rs. 150.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, whether these are additions or replacements?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: These are replacements.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What is the number of cars pooled at the moment?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: The pool has now come to an end.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What was the number of cars when the pool came

to an end and when did it come an end?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I cannot give the exact number.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: When did it come to an end and why did it come to an end?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: In fact the different Ministries wanted to maintain them themselves and control their own cars.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What is the reason for this change? Was the Transport Minister not able to look after the other Ministries?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: We were able to look after the other Ministries very well, but the sense of property is strong which the hon. Member has not to ignore.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Even in this socialistic pattern of society!

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: I only ask whether the pool was not pulling very well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You wanted to have a pun on words whether the pool was not pulling very well.

LATE RUNNING OF CALCUTTA MAIL

*679. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the passengers from Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, East and West Godavari districts are suffering a lot of inconvenience due to constant late running of Calcutta Mail from Waltair side on account of which they miss the connection to the Kurnool Express from Bezvada on the Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) During the period 1st January to 20th September 1955, No. 261 Masulipatam-Kurnool Express train missed connection with No. 43 Up Calcutta—Madras Mail at Bez-wada on 11 occasions. This does not indicate constant late running of No. 43 Up Calcutta—Madras Mail as stated in the question.

(b) Does not arise.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SINHAsth TRAFFIC

*680. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the additional passenger traffic arrangements which are going to be made to meet the Sinhashth traffic at Nasik this year; and

(b) the additional passengers amenity arrangements which are going to be made for that traffic at Nasik?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Part (a)

(i) Passenger trains running on the Bhusawal—Igaatpuri section will be strengthened from the 15th September 1955 to maximum capacity. These arrangements will continue until no longer required.

(ii) As the requirements of inward and outward pilgrim traffic cannot be ascertained in advance, Mela Specials for both inward and outward traffic will be arranged on the basis of the traffic offering. For this purpose Mela rakes—15 for inward and 15 for outward traffic—have been formed kept ready at various points. The composition of each rake will be 10 third class bogies and 2 luggage and brake vans.

(iii) One additional temporary platform with an up and down line has been provided at Nasik Road station for dealing with the special trains. Temporary signalling arrangements have been provided on this platform for direct reception of trains.

Part (b)

(i) The following amenities which are of a permanent nature are being provided at the existing Nasik Road station at a rough cost of Rs. 6 lakhs. The work on these is nearing completion—

- (1) Lengthening, widening and paving of passenger platforms;
- (2) Provision of cover over platforms; and
- (3) Improvements to circulating area and provision of new sanitized latrine blocks.

(ii) In addition to the above, the following temporary arrangements are also being made in connection with Sinhashth Fair at a rough cost of Rs. 2.5 lakhs:—

- (1) A high level platform is being provided in the goods yard to deal with the additional number of passenger trains for pilgrims that will have to be dealt with at Nasik Road. Necessary amenities of cover, tea-stall and drinking water are being provided on this platform;
- (2) Two sheds outside railway land have been taken on hire, and in these sheds, temporary facilities for the waiting hall, booking offices and enquiry office, food-stall, sanitary arrangements and tea-stall are being provided for the pilgrims for the duration of the fair;
- (3) An additional enquiry office in the main station building is also being provided;