

**Compensation Cases on Railways**

**3452. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**  
**Shri Bhagaban Das:**  
**Shri Umanath:**  
**Shri B. K. Modak:**  
**Shri C. K. Chakrapani:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of compensation cases registered in the different Railway Zones for goods lost on Railways in transit, the number of cases disposed of and the number pending during 1966-67;

(b) the amount of compensation paid during the above period;

(c) the position of such cases during the past two years; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to reduce loss/damages in transit?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c). A statement showing the number of claims for compensation received, disposed of and pending and the amounts paid by way of compensation during the three years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67 on different Zonal Railways marked Annexure 'A' is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-773/67].

Figures of claims preferred and claims repudiated are not compiled cause-wise. The figures in the statement cover both losses, complete and partial, and damages.

(d) A statement showing the steps being taken to reduce losses/damages in transit, marked Annexure 'B' is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-774/67].

**Derailment of 202-Down Luming-Silchar Passenger Train**

**3453. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the engine and a coach of the 202 Down Luming-Silchar passenger train went off the rails between Phiding and Mahur Stations of the North-Eastern Railway on 15-5-1967;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident; and

(c) the total loss to the railway property?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes. Phiding and Mahur stations are situated on North-east Frontier Railway.

(b) There was an Engineering restriction at the site of accident and the speed of all trains was restricted to 8 K.M.P.H. The derailment of the train was due to the driver not observing the prescribed speed limit.

(c) The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 965.

**Fertilizers from German Democratic Republic**

**3454. Shri Kashi Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the German Democratic Republic has offered to supply fertilizers to the Government during 1967; and

(b) if so, the quantity and value thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The GDR had offered to supply fertilizers valued Rs. 8.04 crores— (1,68,000 tonnes of Muriate of Potash valued Rs. 6.08 crores and 1,10,000 tonnes Ammonium Sulphate valued at Rs. 2.56 crores) for which contracts