STATEMENT

The number of English High and Middle Schools under the direct management of Indian Railways.

	Railway						Middle Schools	High Schools
Central .			٠.				5	I
Eastern .							12	10
Northern .						٠.	I	3
North-Eastern							I	3
Southern .							6	2
Western .						٠.	2	3
				TOTAL			27	22

ASSAM RAIL LINK

- 357. Shri K. P. Tripathi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many breaches occurred during this year in the Assam Link and in the Assam part of the North Eastern Railway?
- (b) What is the extent of damage or loss?
- (c) Have all the breaches been repaired?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) There were no actual breaches of the track on the Assam Rail Link during this year but, due to damage to the protection works at a bridge between Hasimara and Madarihat, through train services were suspended at the site on two occasions as a precautionary measure and transhipment of passengers, luggage, perishables done while repairs were effected.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

THROUGH-TRAIN FOR PALIZAGHAT
RAILWAY STATION

- 358. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the passengers booked for Patna from places west of Chapra have to wait

- at Sonepore (N. E. Railway) Railway Station for about two hours before getting a connection for Patna;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is no through-train or carriage for passengers for Palizaghat Railway Station to places west of Chapra such as Siwan, Gorakhpur etc.; and
- (c) if so, whether Government propose to do anything in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, except in the case of two trains which have immediate connections—after 10 minutes in one case and 45 minutes in the other case.

- (b) There is no through train but there is one third class through coach service between Paleza Ghat and Sayan.
- (c) A representation was received for a through train between Paleza Ghat and Savan, but it is not feasible to introduce such a train at present due to paucity of coaches and locomotives.

OVER-BRIDGE AT GUNTUR RAILWAY

- 359. Shri S. V. L. Narasimham: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether the proposal to con-