

(b) whether there is a decline in the fresh registrations or renewals of registration?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) Figures for October, 1954 are not yet available. The number of registrants on the last date of the three months preceding October, 1954 were:—

<i>Number of Registrants</i>	
On 31st July, 1954	5,88,837
On 31st August, 1954	5,99,360
On 30th September, 1954	5,90,538

(b) During July the combined number of fresh registrations and re-registrations increased by over 15,000 but in August it declined by over 30,000 and in September, by a further 5,000.

MERGER OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

45. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1363 on the 27th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken to treat 50 per cent. of the dearness allowance of the employees of ex-Nizam's State Railway who have opted to retain pre-absorption terms and conditions of service, as dearness pay; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) A decision in this matter has to be taken in consultation with the other Ministries concerned since Government as a whole is concerned. This consultation is in progress.

HINDI TIME TABLE

46. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the All-India Time-Table in Hindi has since been published?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Yes; copies have been sent out to the Railways on the 15th November, 1954, to be put on sale to the public.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

47. Shri S. K. Razmi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of goods trains involved in accidents during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1954;

(b) the total loss due to these accidents;

(c) the main reasons for the accidents; and

(d) the measures taken to stop the recurrence of such accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be furnished later.

RAJA-KI-MANDI RAILWAY STATION

48. Shri R. N. Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shifting of the Raja-Ki-Mandi Railway Station on the Central Railway has started;

(b) if so, what portion of the work has been completed;

(c) how much money has been spent so far; and

(d) when the work will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of providing platforms, circulating area and approach road, tonga and rickshaw stands, and