

Railway Accident

468. Sardar Iqbal Singh : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Railway derailment took place near Rampura Phul on Northern Railway on the 4th October, 1955;

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

(c) the number of casualties;

(d) steps taken for the payment of compensation to the dead and injured;

(e) whether any enquiry was held ; and

(f) if so, with what results ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :

(a) and (b). At about 0-20 hours on 5-10-55 (and not on 4-10-55 as stated in the Question) while No. 348 Down Passenger train was being backed to Rampura Phul station on the Rajpura-Bhatinda Section of the Northern Railway, due to its inability to proceed forward because of breach in the line ahead the two rear most coaches on the train got derailed due to sudden collapse of bridge No. 237 at mile 83/12-13, and fell into the breach caused in the bank by the failure of the bridge.

(c) As a result of this accident, 4 persons were killed, 1 received grievous and 3 minor injuries.

(d) The District and Sessions, Judge, Patiala, has been appointed as the ex-Officio Claims Commissioner to enquire into and determine all claims for compensation arising out of this accident.

(e) and (f). An enquiry into the accident was held by the Government Inspector of Railways, Lucknow and his provisional finding is that the derailment was caused by the collapse of bridge No. 237, brought about by the scouring action of the flood that followed an unprecedented rain in that area.

Railway Fares

**469. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :
Babu Ramnarayan Singh ;
Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) why on Muzaffarpur region in North Eastern Railway the charge for railway fare for seasonal tickets, is more than 5 pies per mile for 24 single fares;

(b) why Muzaffarpur Railway station does not issue seasonal tickets between 12 hours and 14 hours;

(c) why seasonal tickets were not issued at Motipur Railway Station from July to September 1953; and

(d) why quarterly season ticket are not issued on Muzaffarpur region ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :

(a) The basis of charge for third class season tickets over the Muzaffarpur region of North-Eastern Railway is at 24 single journey fares, the basis for the single journey fares being at 5 pies per mile. In a particular case, however, the staff charged fares in excess of the correct fare under a mis-apprehension and the correct position has since been intimated to them.

(b) There is no restriction on the issue of season tickets at Muzaffarpur station between 12 and 14 hours.

(c) From July to September, 1953, season tickets were issued at Motipur station.

(d) Quarterly season tickets are issued on sections where they were previously in force when the individual railways had their own rules. On the former O.T. portion of the North-Eastern Railway, quarterly season tickets were not previously issued and hence they are not issued now.

Passenger Amenities

**470. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :
Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what amenities are going to be provided to the passengers at different railway stations between Darbhanga and Bairagnia on North Eastern Railway in 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :

A statement showing the works in connection with the provision of passenger amenities which are proposed to be taken in hand in 1955-56 or are planned for 1956-57 is laid on the Table. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 16]. Works planned are, however, liable to change should it be so decided when this matter is discussed with Public Amenities Committee.

Opening of Flag Stations

**471. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :
Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any