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### English Medium School at Gooty Station

3054. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to introduce Seventh Standard onward at the English Medium school at Gooty Railway Station; and

(b) if not, what steps have been taken in connection with the demand of the workers for upgrading the school?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The proposal to upgrade the Railway Primary School (English Medium) at Gooty into Upper Primary School by adding VII standard is under consideration of the Zonal Railway authorities.

### Vaniyambadi Railway Accident on Southern Railway

3055. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vaniyambadi Railway Accident on Southern Railway had taken place;

(b) how many persons died due to the accident;

(c) whether Government have given any assistance to the families of the deceased, if so, details;

(d) how many persons were injured and whether Government have given any compensation to them, if so, details;

(e) whether the enquiry about the accident is over; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the enquiry report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The accident took place between Kettanadapatti and Vaniyambadi stations on 11-2-81.

(b) to (d). In this accident, 24 persons were killed, 20 sustained grievous injuries and 46 simple injuries.

A sum of Rs. 85,500 has been paid as ex-gratia to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured persons. In addition, a sum of Rs. 3,42,323 has also been paid so far as compensation to the 34 injured persons and to the next of kin of 4 killed.

(e) and (f). Yes. According to the findings of the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Bangalore, the accident was due to failure of railway staff. The police have launched prosecution against the staff held responsible for the accident.

### माल यातायात का लक्ष्य

3056. आचार्य भगवान दत्त : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष गत वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में रेलगाड़ियों से माल यातायात में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ख) चालू वर्ष में माल यातायात के क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गये हैं तथा कितने माल की 'टुलाई' की सम्भावना है ?