

**Derailments**

1280. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement containing the total number of derailments and the extent of loss to property and persons during the

period 1st January till the end of June, 1958?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** There were only six cases of serious passenger train derailments during the period 1st January to 30th June, 1958, viz.

	Loss of Property Rs.	No. of Persons killed.
(i) Derailment of S 112 Dn. at Howrah Station of Eastern Railway on 3-2-58	80	Nil
(ii) Derailment of 4 Dn. Link Express between Sudhani and Barasoi of N.E. Rly. on 30-4-58	13,900	Nil
(iii) Derailment of 32 Dn. between Amausi and Lucknow of N. E. Railway on 18-5-58	12,037	1
(iv) Derailment of 35 Up Kirti Express at Chamaraj Station of Western Railway on 21-5-58	70,000	31
(v) Derailment of 5 Up Allahabad Express at Dulahapur Station of N. E. Rly. on 31-5-58	550	1
(vi) Derailment of 6 Dn. Mail between Rahimabad and Dilawanagar of Northern Railway on 13-6-58	50,575	Nil
	<u>1,47,062</u>	<u>33</u>

**Soil Conservation in Andhra**

1281. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for soil conservation in Andhra Pradesh for the year 1958-59;

(b) the names of the schemes sanctioned; and

(c) the amount already spent during that year?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Rs. 19.55 lakhs including Central and State's share.

(b) The following schemes have been included in the State Plan for 1958-59:—

1. Araku Valley Pilot Soil Conservation Scheme in Viskhapatnam District.

2. Soil Conservation extension scheme in black soil areas in Kurnool and Anantpur Districts.

3. Soil Conservation Scheme for red soil areas in Anantpur District.

4. Soil Conservation Scheme for Pendurthi N.E.S. Block in Viskhapatnam District.

5. Soil Conservation Scheme for Machkund Basin in Viskhapatnam District.

6. Soil Conservation Scheme for Contour Bunding in Telangana area.

7. Extension of casuarina plantation.

8. Soil Conservation Research Centre, Sahibnagar.

9. Afforestation and Anti-erosion work in dry eroded lands.

10. Nurseries under afforestation.

11. Afforestation of denuded hills outside Reserved Forests.

12. Acquisition of lands for Soil Conservation works.

13. Training of personnel in Soil Conservation.

(c) As reported by the State Government, the amount spent upto the end of July, 1958 under schemes (1) to (11) shown against part (b) is Rs. 2.55 lakhs. Expenditure figures for schemes (12) and (13) are not yet readily available with the State Government.

#### Contractor-operated Halt at Irugur Station

1282. **Shri Nanjappa:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1139 on the 11th March, 1958 and state the progress of works so far carried out in providing a contractor-operated halt at Irugur between Suler and Singanalur on Jalarpet-Mangalore section of Southern Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** All preliminaries regarding construction of a contractor-operated halt at Irugur have been finalised and the work is likely to be completed by the end of October, this year. Immediately thereafter, the halt station will be opened for passenger traffic as stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1139 on 11-3-58.

#### Speed of Trains

1283. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the speed of the railway trains running between Pathankot and Jogmdernagar on the Northern Railway is from 15 to 20 miles per hour,

(b) whether the speed can be increased of the trains on this narrow gauge; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider increasing the speed of these trains?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c) All the three trains running between Pathankot and Joginder Nagar (narrow gauge) are mixed trains and 156 LSD—2

have been booked at speeds varying from 7 to 17 miles per hour on different sections against the maximum permissible speed of 10—25 miles per hour. Proposal for raising the booked speed over the Guler-Nagrota section from 12 to 15 miles per hour is already under examination and after necessary trials have been conducted, the advisability of raising the speed will be considered.

#### Rural Post Offices in Rajasthan

1284. **Shri Onkar Lal:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices opened in rural areas of Rajasthan, district-wise, during 1958 so far

(b) the name of the district where maximum number of post offices were opened; and

(c) the number proposed to be opened during 1958-59?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil):**

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No. 131.]

(b) Udaipur

(c) 223. District-wise information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha

#### Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Posts and Telegraphs Department

1285. **Shri Onkar Lal:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each category have been filled up in each Postal Division in Rajasthan Posts and Telegraphs Circle from the year 1950-51 upto 1957-58;

(b) whether the full quota reserved for them had been filled up;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and