

**Regional Railway Equipment Advisory Committee**

1578. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have set up Regional Railway Equipment Advisory Committees;

(b) main function of these Committees;

(c) number of such Committees and members of these Committees; and

(d) work done by these Committees so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No 54]

**Engines for running Electric Trains**

1579. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electric engines running on Indian Railways;

(b) when they were purchased;

(c) whether they are in good condition;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of such engines in the country;

(e) if so, the steps taken to meet the shortage; and

(f) whether such engines are being manufactured in India?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) 4 Metre Gauge and 88 Broad Gauge Electric locos are in operation on Indian Railways.

(b) 4 Metre Gauge and 65 Broad Gauge locos were purchased during 1927-31.

1 Broad Gauge electric loco was purchased in 1938.

7 Board Gauge electric locos were purchased in 1955.

15 Broad Gauge electric locos were purchased in 1957-58.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The question of importing 7 Broad Gauge Electric locos for Central Railway is under consideration;

(f) No, Sir.

**Co-operative Movement in Bombay State**

1580. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bombay has recently approached the Union Government for a loan for the expansion of Co-operative Movement in Bombay State;

(b) if so, whether that loan has been given; and

(c) the amount of that loan?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No, Sir.

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

**Scuffle between Railwaymen and Vegetable Vendors**

1581. { **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:**  
**Shri Warlor:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 8th July, 1958 the Calcutta bound Katwa Local, after it had left Balagarh Railway station was stopped by operators of the control cabin;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there was a scuffle between railwaymen and vegetable vendors resulting in the death of a vendor; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?