

(b) Number of first, second and composite carriages available on Bikaner Division are:—

Bogie carriages.	
(i) First class with servants.	2
(ii) Composite first and second class with and without servants.	8
(iii) Composite first, second and third class.	16
(iv) Composite second and third class.	8
(v) Composite first and third class with and without servants.	6
Total:	40

Four wheeler carriages.

(i) First class with servants.	5
(ii) First class coaches without servants.	24
(iii) Composite first and second class.	4
(iv) Second class coaches.	5
Total:	38

Booklets containing Safety Rules and Regulations

1346. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that booklets and brochures in English as well as regional languages containing Safety Rules and Regulations are being supplied to different categories of Railways Staff to create safety consciousness amongst the employees;

(b) if so, how many such booklets and brochures have been published in Assamese;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when they are likely to be published?

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

(b) None.

(c) and (d). Assamese is prevalent only in the areas served by North East Frontier Railway who expect to bring out such booklets and brochures in English and regional languages including Assamese within the next few months. They are already in touch with the Government of Assam for securing necessary technical assistance.

Nature Cure Centre in Assam

1347. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a scheme from the Government of Assam for starting a Nature Cure Centre with a request for 50 per cent. contribution towards implementation of the scheme; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of Assam have been informed that no Central assistance can be given for the Scheme as it has not been included in the State Government's Second Five Year Plan.

Navigation in Brahmaputra

1348. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of experts was deputed by the American Technical Co-operation mission to Assam with a view to examine the possibility of navigation of speedier steam ships than those plying at present in the river Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the team?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Facilities for Overhauling Locomotives

1349. Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of station where facilities for overhauling locomotives, passenger bogies and wagons exist in Assam section of N.E.F. Railway,

(b) whether any overhauling work is pending at present; and

(c) the date by which, it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A statement furnishing the required information is placed on the Table.

STATEMENT

- (i) Locomotives Dibrugarh Workshops.
- (ii) Passenger Coaching Stock. (1) Dibrugarh Workshops.
(2) Bongaigaon Workshops.
(3) Carriage Repairing Shops, Pandu.
- (iii) Wagons. { Dibrugarh Workshops.
 { Bagdogra Workshops.

(b) Yes.

(c) The position is expected to improve considerably after the proposed new major workshop for Locomotives, Carriages and Wagons repairs at Bongaigaon is set up. The detailed estimates and plans of the proposed workshop are under examination.

Deraiment of Passenger Train between Kotalpukur and Pakur

1350. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 20th October, 1958, the Gaya-Sealdah

Passenger train was derailed between Kotalpukur and Pakur stations; and

(b) if so, the causes of the derailment?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes. On 20-10-1958 at about 22:20 hours while No. 338 Down Gaya-Sealdah Passenger train was on run, the engine of the train derailed between Kotalpukur and Pakur stations of Eastern Railway. There were no casualties.

(b) A Senior Scale Officers Committee investigated the accident. The report of the Committee is under examination.

Research Schemes for Bombay

1351. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number and nature of research schemes received from the Bombay Government and approved by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the year 1958-59 so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 136].

Lift Irrigation Schemes

1352. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have given any aid to the Bombay Government during 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far, for the lift irrigation schemes; and

(b) if so, the nature of schemes and aid given in this regard?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Yes. A statement containing the required information is placed on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 137].