

o 15th November, 1959) 48 train accidents took place on Lumding-Badarpur Section of N.F. Railway.

| (b) (i) Nature of Accidents     | Total<br>No. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Train Collisions                | 2            |
| Train Derailments               | 46           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>48</b>    |
| <b>(ii) Causes:</b>             |              |
| Failure of Ry. Staff            | 14           |
| Failure of Mechanical Equipment | 20           |
| Failure of Track                | 6            |
| Accidental                      | 3            |
| Causes not finalised            | 5            |
|                                 | <b>48</b>    |

(c) Normal preventive measures continue to be taken by the Railway Administration to minimise the incidence of accidents.

#### Post Offices

**911. Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new Post Offices opened during 1958-59 all over the country;

(b) the total amount spent thereon;

(c) the total number of Post Offices opened in Andhra Pradesh (District-wise) during 1958-59; and

(d) the total amount spent thereon?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) 438.

(b) Rs. 4,51,225.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, Annexure No. 63.]

(d) Rs. 64,418.

#### New Telephone Connections in Andhra Pradesh

**912. Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections given in Andhra Pradesh in 1958-59;

(b) the total amount spent in this connection; and

(c) the number of applications for new connections still pending?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) 2782.

(b) Rs. 25,76,822.

(c) 4227.

#### Night Air Mail Service

**913. Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest hours of posting letters for the Night Air Mail Service have been reduced by one hour in all the Post Offices in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras; and

(b) if so, what is the reason for this change?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) The curtailment has generally been by half an hour except in the case of Delhi where it is by one hour.

(b) This change has been made on account of the earlier departure of the Night Air Mail Service by about 30 to 35 minutes.

#### Confirmation of Staff in Post Offices

**914. Shri Jagdish Awasthi:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which an official promoted to the Lower Selection Grade in Post Offices has to remain on probation before being confirmed in higher post;