

and electric locos and under what conditions the Drivers are being drafted from one traction to the other on punishment ; and

(b) the number of drivers on the Indian Railways who had been drafted from steam to diesel during the last one year Railway-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Loss to Industrial Units in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Allahabad, Mirzapur Etc. Due to Breakdown in the Rihand Dam Reservoir

6111. PROF. S. L. SAKSENA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the estimated loss of about Rs. 11 crores, in the past four months alone, due to power breakdown in the Rihand Dam reservoir, to industrial units in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Allahabad, Mirzapur and three other districts ;

(b) whether this breakdown was due to poor maintenance of transmission lines, shortage of cables and other accessories resulting from thefts of cables and burning of transformers ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop these power breakdowns ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was no break-down of the power plant at Rihand Dam. However, due to low water availability, generation had to be reduced from an average daily figure of 2.5 million units to about 1 million unit during the past four months.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway accident between Ahmedabad-- Delhi Express Train and Goods Train

6112. SHRI H. M. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several persons were seriously injured in a railway accident between 4-Dn Ahmedabad-Delhi Express and a goods train between Lamana and Kharwa near Ajmer on the 13th July ; and

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made as to the causes of the accident and if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) In the collision between train No. 4 Down Delhi Express and a goods train on 13.7.1971 between Lamana and Kharwa stations no one sustained any grievous or simple injuries. However, 41 persons received slight abrasions and bruises of a trivial nature.

(b) The report of the inquiry committee is awaited. However *prima facie* it would appear that the accident was due to the failure of railway staff.

#### Railway Accidents

6113. SHRI H. M. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of Railway accidents which occurred during the last fortnight and the value of losses to public and private property ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : There were 40 train accidents in the categories of collisions, derailments, trains running into road traffic at level crossings and fires in trains on the Indian Government Railways during the period 1.7.71 to 15.7.71. The cost of damage to Railway property involved in these accidents was estimated at approximately Rs. 5,17,000/-.

The information in regard to cost of damage to private property as a result of accidents is not maintained by the Railways.

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6114. श्री एस० एन० सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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