

and attended by the Chairman is given below:

Year	Total No. of meetings held	No. of meetings presided over by the Chairman	No. of meetings presided over by the Vice-Chairman
1962	5	5	—
1963	6	6	—
1964	8	5	3
1965	12	4	8
1966	3	1	2

The Chairman has been able to attend fewer number of meetings in the year 1965 because of his pre-occupation with some more important work assigned to him by the Government.

#### Gujarat Mail Accident Enquiry

**4646. Shri Himatsingka:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Enquiry Committee to enquire into the causes of the Gujarat Mail derailment at Dahana Road Station on the 22nd February, 1966;

(b) whether the Enquiry Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the main features of the report?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (c). The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Bombay held a statutory enquiry into this accident. He has not finalised his report as yet.

#### Cashew Export Promotion Council

**4647. Shri Warrior:  
Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent-

ly the South India Cashew-nut Manufacturers' Association or any other association of cashew-nut manufacturers have submitted a petition to Government that the Cashew-nut Export Promotion Council's functioning is not in the interest of the trade; and

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

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Some cashew exporters have made such a representation.

(b) The matter is receiving attention of the Government.

#### Defence Service Officers on Railways

**4648. Shri Kappen:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Defence Service Officers who have been absorbed in the various Railway Services since 1957;

(b) whether their *interse* seniority was fixed in relation to Class II Officers at the time of their absorption and the weightage given for their Defence service;

(c) the number of those Officers who have not been confirmed in the Junior Scale after 7 years' service in the Railways and the reasons therefor; and

(d) how many of them have been promoted in the Senior Scale and the reasons for not promoting the rest?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) One.

(b) No weightage has been given for earlier service for purposes of seniority.