

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The hon. Minister stated that the abolition of the zones would mean cross-movement of wagons and considerable number of wagons would be required. May I know what is his assessment of the additional number of wagons that would be required by abolition of the rice zone and what number of additional wagons have been pressed into service because of the abolition of the wheat zone?

Shri S. K. Patil: I think what my hon. colleague said was that there is always a choice for a particular rice or for a particular wheat and if that choice is exercised by all people everywhere in India, sometimes this cross-movement may not at all be necessary. It will be difficult to say to what extent it is done, because no statistics have been maintained for that kind of cross-movement. The trouble is only with regard to rice, because only for rice there are zones and not for wheat. If we were in such a comfortable position where we can say, no matter what happens, we have enough rice, surely we can remove them tomorrow. We are aiming at it and we hope we will be able to achieve it much sooner.

Deraiment of Nagpur-Tatanagar Passenger Train

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*443. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was made into the Kumhari Railway accident involving the 322 Dn. Nagpur—Tatanagar Passenger Train on S.E. Railway;

(b) if so, who conducted the enquiry; and

(c) what was the result of the enquiry?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Calcutta.

(c) According to the provisional findings of the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, the derailment of the train was caused by a severe cyclone.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether this enquiry was made just after the accident occurred or sometime after the accident occurred?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Within a day or two.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The Minister said that this accident occurred due to heavy storm. May I know whether this is the first time that such an accident has occurred or there have been other such instances in the past?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: On the broad gauge, I think this is the first instance.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: There are too many accidents! Next question.

Regional Forest Research Institutes

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*446. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up Regional Forest Research Institutes;

(b) if so, the number of such Institutes proposed to be set up;

(c) whether the proposal is finalised; and

(d) where such stations will be located?