

Train Collision

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Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a collision between a passenger train and a bullock cart took place between Madhavnagar and Nandre stations on the Southern Railway on the 27th February, 1958;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a result, three persons died on the spot and three others were injured; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to pay compensation to the families of the deceased as well as those who were injured?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes. At about 12.50 hours on 27th February, 1958, No. 235 Up (Londa-Poona) passenger train ran into a bullock cart that crossed over the unmanned level crossing between Madhavnagar and Nandre stations on the Miraj-Poona section of the Southern Railway.

(b) Three persons died—two on the spot and one on way to hospital. Three persons were injured, one grievous and the other two sustained minor injuries.

(c) No, Sir.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसके सम्बन्ध में कोई इन्क्वायरी हुई या नहीं, और अगर इन्क्वायरी हुई तो उससे क्या जाहिर हुआ कि उसमें दोष किसका था ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : इन्क्वायरी हुई और इन्क्वायरी से यह साबित हुआ कि रेलवे का इसमें कोई कुसूर नहीं था और जो बुलककार्ट वाला था उसका कुसूर था ।

श्री ब्रजराज सिंह : यह तहकीकात सरकारी अधिकारियों की तरफ से हुई थी या किसी स्पेशल ट्राइब्यूनल की तरफ से हुई थी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : रेलवे अधिकारियों की तरफ से ।

श्री ब्रजराज सिंह : क्या मिनिस्टर महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस ऐक्सिडेंट में रेलवे पार्टी की हैसियत से धी या नहीं ? अगर रेलवे पार्टी की हैसियत से थी तो इसकी तहकीकात किसी स्पेशल ट्राइब्यूनल के द्वारा होनी चाहिये थी ।

Mr. Speaker: How does it arise?

Shri Anthony Pillai: The answer given was that Government does not propose to pay any compensation. May we know the reason why Government does not propose to pay any compensation?

Mr. Speaker: Because other persons are responsible.

Shri Anthony Pillai: He has not said that.

Mr. Speaker: He has said so.

Shri Goray: It was in Hindi.

Shri Yajnik: May I know how the bullock-cart happened to collide with the railway engine? Was there no gate or fencing to prevent the bullock-cart coming into the line when the railway train was passing?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: As I said in my reply, the accident took place at 12.50 in the broad daylight at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is an unmanned level crossing. The track was quite clear. If, in spite of that, one takes the risk of running into the track, we are very sorry for that.

Mr. Speaker: We cannot have a gate at every level crossing.