

(b) The expenditure incurred during 1957-58 to end of February, 1958 is about Rs. 19,500.

#### Kurduwadi-Miraj Railway Line

\*1270. { Shri D. A. Katti:  
Shri B. K. Galkwad:  
Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2023 on the 19th December, 1957 and state:

(a) the progress made in respect of Engineering and Traffic Surveys for conversion of the railway line from Miraj to Kurduwadi;

(b) whether the Railway Administrations, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Railway Ministry have commented upon the suggestion for the diversion of the said Railway via Athni from the engineering and traffic points of view; and

(c) if no comments have been received what time will the Railway Administrations take to submit their report upon the said suggestion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The Fieldwork of the surveys have been completed. The Survey Reports are being finalized and estimates are under scrutiny by the Railway Administration, prior to submission to the Railway Board.

(b) and (c). The Railway has investigated the suggestion but the results will have to await receipt of the Survey Report expected in about two months time.

#### रेलवे इंजनों की टक्कर

\*१२७१. सरदार स० सि० सहगल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि २५ फरवरी, १९५८ को प्रातःकाल लगभग २ बजे दावा-

पाड़ा और बिलहा स्टेशनों के बीच दो इंजनों की टक्कर हो गयी;

(ख) इसमें कितने व्यक्ति घायल हुए और कितने मरे;

(ग) टक्कर के क्या कारण थे; और

(घ) इस दुर्घटना के परिणामस्वरूप रेलवे को कितनी क्षति हुई ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) कोई मरा नहीं । सिर्फ सात घायल हुए, जिनमें छः दोनों इंजनों में काम करने वाले कर्मचारी और एक जिला परिवहन निरीक्षक (District Transportation Inspector) थे । पांच को हल्की और दो को गहरी चोटें आयीं ।

(ग) दुर्घटना की खास वजह यह थी कि अपर खाली इंजन का डाइवर इंजन को उस रफतार से तेज ले जा रहा था, जो संचार (Communication) बिल्कुल बन्द हो जाने की हालत में इंजनों के लिए नियत है । एक दूसरी वजह यह भी थी कि डाउन खाली इंजन के सामने की तेज बत्ती बुझ गयी थी ।

(घ) सिर्फ १६,००० रुपये ।

#### Shipping Charges and Demurrage

\*1272. Shri Tyagi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total shipping charges paid and due for payment to Indian and foreign shipping companies for import of goods during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(b) the total demurrage paid and due for payment to Indian and foreign companies during this period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) Government has no information regarding imports on private account.