

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Yes, Sir. 13 persons sustained minor injuries. They were attended to immediately and then discharged from the hospital.

Show Rooms at Bombay and Calcutta

*912. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 565 on the 19th August, 1960 and state the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken for setting up marine equipment show rooms at Bombay and Calcutta for the benefit of prospective indigenous manufacturers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The ship-building Ancillary Industries Committee has since submitted its detailed proposals for setting up a Show Room in Bombay in the first instance and these proposals are under consideration of Government.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether the financial implications of this scheme have been worked out?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Though I am not in a position to give the exact estimates of the financial implications, I may state that certain broad principles have been worked out, as recommended by the Committee, and they are, firstly, that we should not merely convert the show-rooms into museums; secondly, they should act as advisory bodies for intending entrepreneurs for the particular ancillary industries; thirdly, the technical department of the D.G., Shipping should assist and organise it; lastly, it should be financed by the Government.

Dieselisation of Moghalserai-Saharanpur Section

*913. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for dieselisation of the railway line from Moghalserai to Saharanpur on

the Northern Railway is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, details thereof together with the reasons for taking this step;

(c) when is the work, according to the scheme, likely to be begun; and

(d) the economic aspect of dieselisation *vis-a-vis* the existing steam system?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to dieselise the running of through goods trains on the Moghalserai-Saharanpur Section, with the object of providing increased capacity for movement of goods traffic.

(c) Running of some through goods trains with Diesel locos is expected to commence in the latter half of 1961.

(d) The dieselisation of this section has been decided upon as an operational necessity because the capacity with steam traction would not be adequate for the requirements of increased traffic.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the electrification schemes round Calcutta have priority over the scheme of dieselisation of Moghalserai-Saharanpur section?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): Calcutta will have priority not in dieselisation but in electrification.

Famine in Andhra Pradesh

*914. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Minister for Agriculture toured the famine affected areas of Rayalaseema Districts in Andhra Pradesh in the months of September and October, 1960;

(b) whether he has submitted any report of his tour;