

तो सम्भव है वह रेलवे खत्म हो ही जायें । इस के बाद कुछ ऐसी रेलवेज हैं जहां पर ट्रैफिक इतना ज्यादा बढ़ गया है कि वहां पर संभव है उन से काम चलने वाला न हो । वहां पर उस को बदलने की बात सोची जायेगी तब विचार किया जायेगा कि उस को मीटर गेज किया जाये या ब्राड गेज किया जाये । इसलिये सभी रेलवेज पर कोई एक निर्णय सम्भव नहीं है । वह तो हर एक के ऊपर अलग-अलग विचार कर के ही किया जा सकता है ।

Shri Kalika Singh: May I know the total length of narrow gauge lines which have been converted already into broad gauge?

Mr. Speaker: Has he got the information?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: No. Separate notice.

Murder in Running Train near Hazaribagh

*27. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether four persons were murdered between Kodarma and Hazaribagh stations in a running train on the 3rd January 1962; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The incident, however, occurred on the night between December 29 and 30, 1961. A statement giving the details is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

It was in the morning of 30-12-61, that the Guard of a train reported at Parasnath Railway station, that while his train was passing between Nimiaghat and Parasnath, he had noticed two dead bodies lying near the track. Simultaneously, another information from Hazaribagh Road

was received by the Controller at Dhanbad that in between Hirodih and Sarmatand stations one male person was found lying dead besides the track and an injured man was lying nearby in an unconscious state. The injured man was carried to Hazaribagh for immediate medical help. Government Railway Police were immediately informed and bodies of 4 persons were picked up:

(i) one male and one female found between Nimiaghat & Parasnath stations;

(ii) one male and one female found between Sarmatand and Hirodih Stations.

The injured man who was originally admitted in Hazaribagh hospital in an unconscious state, was subsequently shifted to a hospital in Calcutta for better treatment. He is reported to be progressing slowly.

As a result of vigorous police investigation, a gang of dangerous criminals responsible for this incident has been unearthed and a few members thereof have so far been apprehended.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know why armed police are not stationed in important running trains in this country as is seen now?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: That would be a very costly proposition. But, so far as this is concerned, after this incident, all night trains in Bihar are being escorted now.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: It appeared in press reports that one of the dead persons who had not died at that time, was refused to be carried by the guard of the goods train and if he had been carried, his life might have been saved. Has the Government verified that report? What is the truth?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: No. That information is wrong. Four persons died and one was injured. He was carried to the hospital.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: Another person.

Mr. Speaker: That information is wrong, he says.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know whether compensation will be paid to the people concerned?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: No, Sir.
World Meteorological Organisation

*28. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third session of the Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation of World Meteorological Organisation was held in New Delhi in January-February this year; and

(b) if so, what proposals, were considered by the Commission to modernise the equipments in the Observatories in India?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). The equipment, manufactured by the India Meteorological Department, was exhibited and was generally appreciated. The Commission considered some of the most recent developments in the field of instrumentation and evolved 38 Resolutions and recommendations, which would guide the efforts of India and other countries. Fourteen working Groups were constituted, with ample representation to India, for continued detailed work between Sessions.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether in the light of these discussions held at the meeting it has been felt that the present instruments and methods of observations and working of observatories are erroneous and how the Government is going to rectify that?

Shri Mohiuddin: This is a scientific matter. Methods of observation and instruments are being continuously improved every day. We are glad that our methods of observation and instruments were very highly appreciated by foreign visitors. They will

be improved and they are being improved every day.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the instruments that were exhibited were of old times?

Shri Mohiuddin: No. They were very recent instruments and recent improvements that were incorporated in them were also exhibited in large numbers.

Indo-Pak. Rail Service

*29. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 398 on the 29th November, 1961 and state the progress since made in taking a decision in regard to Indo-Pak Rail Service?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The matter is still under consideration.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What are the difficulties in the way of the Governments of India and Pakistan that they are incapable of taking any decision one way or the other? May I know whether this proposal is going to be negated or accepted? What are the difficulties?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We are in consultation with the different State Governments. We are ascertaining their views on the subject. As soon as we are able to arrive at a decision, we will take a decision.

Mr. Speaker: Was there not a discussion on this?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): I will say briefly that whether to ratify the agreement or not to ratify it, a decision will be taken at the appropriate time.

Shri Nath Pai: What are the States that are being consulted? How do the States come into this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I remember—I am not definite about it—there was a discussion when this matter came up by way of questions. There were a number of questions