

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):

(a) The Report on derailments by Messrs. W. G. Latham, Civil Engineer and E. W. Isaacs, Mechanical Engineer, was submitted by them in January, 1951 and its consideration was finalised by the Board in May, 1951.

(b) Certainly, if the highly technical matters that are dealt with are of interest to Members.

(c) Of the 68 recommendations made by the Committee, 62 were fully and four partially accepted. The accepted recommendations deal with design and maintenance of Permanent Way and Rolling Stock, Traffic Working Rules, Working of Operating Staff and practices in hump and marshalling yards. Except in a few cases the implementation of all the accepted recommendations has either been completed or is in progress.

बैरछा और मकसी के बीच रेल दुर्घटना

*११३८. { श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री काशीराम :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि २ मार्च को रात के ग्यारह बजे मध्य रेलवे की भोपाल-उज्जैन लाइन पर बैरछा और मकसी स्टेशनों के बीच एक मालगाड़ी पुल पर से गुजरते समय पटरी से उतर गई और उस के २७ डिब्बे नदी में जा गिरे और पुल को क्षति पहुंची ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के क्या कारण थे ; और

(ग) इस के फलस्वरूप रेलवे को कितनी हानि उठानी पड़ी ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):

(a) Yes. At about 23-05 hours on 2nd March, 1954.

(b) This will be known on completion of the Railway Officers enquiry, which is in progress.

(c) The approximate cost of damage to railway property is Rs. 1,95,000.

RICE MILLS IN BIHAR

***1139. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back, the Legislative Assembly of Bihar passed a resolution recommending to the Central and State Governments to close down the rice mills in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar referred the matter to the Central Government and sought their advice in this matter;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government have given their consideration to this matter; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):
(a) and (b). Yes.

(c) and (d). The Bihar Government have been informed that in view of the substantial increase in the production of rice in the country, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture are anxious that adequate facilities for conversion of paddy into rice should be available. As, however, the problem involves other considerations also such as employment for rural population, the Government of India have decided to set up a Committee who could go into the question in detail and a final decision will be taken on receipt of the report of the Committee.