

the convenience of maintaining engineering basis and other things.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether an assurance was given that after the integration the services then in operation would be continued, and if so, why in spite of this, some of the offices have been discontinued?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There has been no retrenchment as such.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know if the Services Committee's report recommends a big drop in the scale of pay of radio operators, and if so, what is the position?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The Services Committee which has on it an experienced High Court Judge, took into account the scales of salaries for pilots in various airlines which integrated into the Corporation, and they have tried to evolve a formula which may be acceptable to all and which may give justice to all grades and sections of pilots. That is where we stand.

MURMAGOA-POONA RAILWAY ACCIDENT

*1052. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Murmagoa-Poona through Bogey attached to the Murmagoa-Londa Passenger Train, one passenger was killed and five others were seriously injured due to the falling of a boulder on the carriage;

(b) how this occurred; and

(c) whether proper precautions were not taken?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). At about 19:50 hours on 19th June 1954 while No. 982 Dn. passenger was passing through a cutting between Dudh Sagar and Caranzol stations on the Murmagoa-Londa Metre Gauge Section of the Southern Railway, a boulder fell from the cutting on the roof of the

Murmagoa-Poona through coach on the train and piercing through the roof, fell into the compartment. Five persons were seriously injured, of whom one died in the hospital. Four other persons received minor injuries.

(c) The tunnels and cuttings are regularly inspected by the Engineering Staff and necessary precautions are always taken.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : यदि आपका इंजीनियरिंग स्टाफ ठीक तरह से देखता है तो फिर यह एक्सीडेंट कैसे हो गया ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जैसा कि मैं ने पहले अर्ज किया इस एक्सीडेंट की खास वजह यह थी कि एक बहुत गहरा कटान के बीच में से गाड़ी जा रही थी, और जब वह जा रही थी तो ऊपर से एक पत्थर अचानक गिर गया ।

LOCOMOTIVES FOR INDIA

*1053. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locomotives that are required to meet India's immediate needs;

(b) the number of locomotives that India would require annually for a proper functioning of railways; and

(c) when Government hope to be in a position to meet all our demands locally?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) It is estimated that about 9,200 locomotives in good serviceable condition are required to meet the immediate requirements of Indian Railways. Of this number, about 8 400 are at present available in service.

(b) Including replacements and the additions required to cope with expected traffic increases, it is estimated that an average of about 450 new locomotives would be needed annually for the proper functioning of Indian Railways.

(c) This will depend upon the pace at which demands increase.