

(f) What is the extent of the loss incurred by the Railway on account of this accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Three persons died in the accident to 71 Up Allahabad Express between Kidihdapur and Indara Jn. stations on 28th September, 1952.

(b) Immediately after the accident, First Aid to the injured was rendered by the guard of the train with the help of other passengers. The train was equipped with the First Aid Box. The Medical Relief Train from Mau Jn. arrived at the site of the accident 2 hours 45 minutes after the occurrence.

(c) and (d). The Government Inspector's Preliminary Report has been received. His provisional finding is that the accident was caused by the track having been tampered with by some person or persons unknown. The Ministry of Communications who publish the Govt. Inspector's reports on accidents will be asked to place on the Table of the House a copy of the Report when finalised.

(e) While Railways remain always vigilant and take all possible precautions, these saboteurs have to be dealt with by the police as this is primarily a question of law and order. The U.P. Government are being requested to investigate into this particular case.

(f) The approximate cost of damage to engine, rolling stock and permanent way is Rs. 84,100/-.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR SITAMARHI

*82. **Shri D. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether Government have received any representation from the people of Sitamarhi (Bihar) for the opening of a telephone exchange there?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what action has been taken on that representation?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) As a first step, a Public Call Office will be opened before March, 1953, and next year efforts will be made, subject to availability of funds and equipment, to open a regular telephone exchange there.

TRAINING IN FISHING

*83. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any

steps have been taken to train Indian fisher-men in Scientific method of catching fishes?

(b) Where are these men trained and how many Centres have been established?

(c) Are men from India sent abroad to get training in modern scientific methods in fishing?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) On board the fishing vessels of the Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay, and only one Centre has been established.

(c) Yes. Seven persons were sent in 1947 to the Nautical School at Grimsby, England, for training in methods of fishing.

PRINTING PRESSES

*85. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to his reply to Starred Question No. 1588, asked on the 9th July, 1952 regarding Railway Printing Presses and state:

(a) whether the investigation to be conducted by Mr. J. W. H. Elvin has been taken in hand;

(b) if so, when his report is likely to be received; and

(c) the reasons for entrusting some portion of Printing work to Presses other than Railway Presses?

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

(b) A preliminary report on the Central Railway Printing Press at Bombay has been received.

(c) Lack of adequate facilities or capacity in the railway presses concerned.

EX-NIZAM'S STATE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*86. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 843 asked on the 13th June 1952, and state:

(a) whether the Adjudicator's Award has since been implemented on the ex-N. S. Railway; and

(b) if not, the period by which the same is likely to be implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No. The Adjudicator's Award is still in the process of implementation on the ex-N.S. Railway section of the Central Railway.