

Train Accidents

729. { Shri Sarkar Murmu:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents occurred in 1962 uptodate;

(b) the causes of such accidents;

(c) the total loss of human lives and the other casualties incurred due to those accidents;

(d) in how many cases judicial enquiries have been made to probe into the causes of the accidents; and

(e) what were the findings of such enquiries?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The number of train accidents for the period from January 1962 to July 1962 is given below:

Collisions and Derailments involving passenger trains .	132
Collisions and Derailments involving other trains .	693
Trains running into road traffic at level crossings .	124
Fires in trains	151
Total	1,100

(b) Failure of Railway staff 436

Failure of other than Rly. Staff 110

Failure of Equipment:—

(a) Mechanical 83

(b) Track 28

(c) Electrical 18

Sabotage or tampering with track 8

Accidental 100

Causes could not be established 42

Cases *subjudice* or not yet finalised 275

(c) The casualties involved in these accidents were as under:—

Killed 180

Injured:—

Grievous 136

Minor 574

(d) and (e). In only one case viz. that of Dumraon accident, a judicial enquiry was ordered. The enquiry is in progress.

Telegraph Link between Bikaner—Hanumangarh

730. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 46 on the 14th March, 1962 and state whether a decision has since been taken to provide a direct telegraph link between Bikaner and Hanumangarh?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): Direct working between Bikaner and Hanumangarh has since been introduced.

Quarters for P&T Deptt., Bikaner

731. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 141 on the 19th March, 1962 and state whether land has since been made available for the construction of additional quarters for the staff of Posts and Telegraphs Department at Bikaner?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): No. Efforts are being made to secure a suitable site.

Development of Fisheries

732. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fishery tanks under the Tripura Administration and under the Tripura Territorial Council;

(b) the total amount of money spent for developing these fisheries during last 5 years ending in 1961; and

(c) the total amount of fish produced during the above period?