

(c) The actual work of realignment of the railway line can be taken in hand only on hearing from the State Government and after getting their acceptance of the cost.

Broad Gauge Lines upto Ramnagar

157. Shri K. C. Pant: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to examine afresh the proposal to extend the broad gauge network upto Ramnagar and Kathgodam in the District of Nainital; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this direction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Accident at Dhanamandal

158. { Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:
Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj:
Shri G. Mohanty:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey.
Shri Balgovind Verma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trains could not run on 16th October, 1963 on account of an accident at Dhanamandal (Orissa) Railway station;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident and the number and nature of casualties inflicted;

(c) the loss suffered by the Railways in that accident; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been instituted?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Through running of trains was interrupted on 16th October, 1963 on account of the accident.

(b) and (d). Cause of the accident is under enquiry. Three persons sustained minor injuries.

(c) Rs. 14,500 (Approximately).

Revitalization of Village Societies

159. { Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Chattar Singh:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre have issued a circular to the State Governments to accord highest priority to the programmes of the reorganisation and revitalization of village societies; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes Sir. In a circular letter issued to state governments in October, 1963 regarding the preparation of the cooperative plan for 1964-65 the importance of reorganisation and revitalisation of village societies has been re-emphasised and the state governments have been advised to accord high priority to the creation of viable societies at the village level.

(b) The programmes to be formulated by state governments will be discussed, with the representatives of the state governments during annual plan discussions in November-December, 1963.