

Train Collision at Chittari Station

547. { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Maheswar Naik:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Gokaran Prasad:
 Shri Heda:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri P. K. Ghosh:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 7th October, 1963 the Bangalore-Madras Mail ran into the rear portion of a stationary goods train at Chitari Station Yard on the Katpadi--Arkonam section of the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of casualties and loss of property involved;

(c) the cause of the accident; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been instituted?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) Thirty persons sustained injuries of whom one was seriously injured. Cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 30,000.

(c) and (d). The accident was enquired into by a Committee of Senior Scale Officers who have concluded that the accident was caused by the reception of the Mail train on an obstructed line.

West Coast Road

548. **Shri A. V. Raghavan:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alignment of the West Coast Road at Kallai in Kerala has been finalised;

(b) whether the design and estimate of the bridge and by-pass road have also been approved; and

(c) if so, when the work will commence?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A proposal for the construction of a by-pass around the Calicut town has been received from the Kerala Government and is under technical examination. The portion of the road at Kallai falls on this by-pass. The design and estimate will be drawn up after the alignment for the by-pass is finally decided upon.

Postal Appraising Unit at Cochin

550. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
 Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a postal appraising unit at Cochin; and

(b) if so, when the same will be established?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). Some-time back such a proposal was examined but it was not approved for want of sufficient traffic.

हुगली में नावों में आग लगना

५५१. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सितम्बर, १९६३ में हुगली नदी में तेल से भरी नावों में आग लग गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने का नुकसान हुआ;

(ग) आग लगने का क्या कारण था; और

(घ) सरकार इसके सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?