

ly expanding population, urbanisation and other factors do not lead to traffic hazards in future.

Train Robberies

36. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of cases of running train robberies which occurred in October, November and December 1963 (Zone-wise)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The required information is given below:—

Railway	1963		
	October	November	December
Central		1	
Northeast Frontier		1	
Southern			
Western		2	
South Eastern			
Eastern			
North Eastern		1	1
Northern	2	2	3
TOTAL	2	7	4

First Class coaches

37. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some very out-moded first class coaches having no proper doors and broken bath-room taps have been attached to various trains recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Telegrams

38. Shri Buta Singh: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telegrams are lost every day in the Central Telegraph Office, New Delhi even before their transmission to other stations;

(b) if so, the causes thereof;

(c) the actual number of telegrams lost during the last two years; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 66 out of about 12 lakhs and 76 out of about 13 lakhs telegrams booked in Central Telegraph Office, New Delhi were lost during the years 1962 and 1963 respectively.

(d) Close and strict watch has been ordered to be kept at all stages to eliminate loss of telegrams.

Cotton Production

39. Shri G. Mohanty: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the superfine and fine cloth in Indian Textile mills is manufactured largely from imported cotton; and

(b) if so, the attempts being made to produce cotton of suitable quality in the country?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) About 50 per cent of the fine cloth is made from Indian cotton. All superfine cloth is mostly made from imported cottons.