

(iv) Guiding and educating the staff to make them more and more conscious of the need to prevent loss of and damage to consignments;

(v) Insistence on provision of dunnage to protect flap door pilferage in case of wagon load consignments of sugar, grains, pulses, oil-seeds, etc.;

(vi) Proper marking, addressing and labelling to prevent the consignment from going astray;

(vii) Proper maintenance of wagons so that incidence of sickness of wagons resulting in detention and transshipment is minimised, and also damage by wet and pilferage through doors and body-holes is reduced;

(viii) Use of nuts and bolts for rivetting wagons loaded with valuable goods;

(ix) Patching of panel-cuts of wagons in sick-lines yards and goods sheds to reduce the circulation of defective wagons;

(x) Special precautions during monsoon season to prevent damage by wet;

(xi) Proper supervision and careful tallying of packages during loading and unloading operations;

(xii) Intensified supervision at break-of-gauge transshipment points and repacking points; and

(xiii) Prompt fixation of staff responsibility.

#### Casual Labour in Central Railway

344. SHRI BHAUSAHEB THORAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of casual labour working at present in each division in Central Railway and since when;

(b) when these casual labourers will be taken up on regular basis; and

(c) what is the percentage of scheduled caste/Scheduled Tribe labour in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The total number of casual labour as on 31-3-1978 working on different divisions of Central Railway is as follows:

Division	Number
Bombay	8,479
Bhusaval	6,176
Jhansi	9,245
Jabalpur	5,109
Nagpur	2,319
Sholapur	1,663

Of these, 2 have put in over 10 years, 568 over 5 years, 2,855 over 3 years, 1,597 over 4 months and 27,969 less than 4 months.

(b) These casual labourers will be considered for absorption on regular basis on being declared suitable by the Screening Committee, as and when vacancies occur.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Violence at Victoria Terminus Station over Defective rakes of Suburban Trains

345. SHRI YAGYA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police used tear gas and lathi-charge to control violent commuters at Victoria Terminus station during the last week of May,