

(c) What are its recommendations to the Government of India for impie-mentation?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The Conference discussed the medical and social aspects of leprosy and passed certain resolutions, copies of which have been forwarded to the Government of India by the Indian Association of Leprologists and the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh. A copy of the resolutions is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 38.]

(c) The attention of the Government of India has been drawn particularly to Resolutions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Copies of the Resolutions have been forwarded to State Governments, who are primarily concerned with Resolutions Nos. 4, 6 and 8. The other Resolutions are being considered by the Government of India.

RAILWAY COLLISION NEAR BOKARO

1232. Shri N. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received report of a collision of a motor truck with a goods train at a level crossing in Bokaro which took place on the 6th February, 1953;

(b) if so, what was the time and under what circumstances the accident happened;

(c) who was the owner of the motor truck;

(d) how many persons were killed; and

(e) what loss has the Railway suffered?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. At about 21-55 hours on 6th February 1953, while 6 Down Barkakana-Gomoh Goods train was passing the level crossing at mile 212/15-16 between Gonla and Bermo stations, a motor truck, coming from the northern side of the level crossing, ran into the passing train and collided with the wagon next to its engine. *Prima facie* this was due to the gates of the level crossing having been kept open to the road traffic when the train was passing.

(c) Messrs. Kuljian Corporation, Bokaro Thermal Power station of the Damodar Valley Corporation.

(d) One, viz., on occupant of the truck.

(e) About Rs. 60 by way of damage to permanent way and rolling stock.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE FOR MAHRAJGANJ

1233. Shri H. S. Prasad: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a telegraph office at every Tehsil Headquarter of all the Districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when a telegraph office will be opened at Mahrajganj Tehsil Headquarter in the Gorakhpur District of Uttar Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Government of India would like to provide every Tehsil Headquarter with Telegraph facilities. Where the resultant loss is expected to exceed the limit of Rs. 500 per annum, each case will be examined on its merits.

(b) Opening a telegraph office at Mahrajganj is expected to result in a loss much in excess of the permissible limit and so the Uttar Pradesh Government have been requested to furnish a guarantee to make good the actual loss.

MOUNT EVEREST CLIMBERS

1234. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether any arrangement has been made this time to supply a special weather bulletin to the Mount Everest climbers?

(b) If so, what is the nature of that arrangement?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The Meteorological Office, Alipore (Calcutta) will prepare one weather bulletin daily containing anticipations of cloudiness, rain and snow, wind and temperature changes and information regarding the progress of the south-west monsoon and its advent over the Everest region. The bulletin will also include a further outlook of the weather over the region two to four days ahead, whenever possible. The bulletin will be made available by about 11.00 G.M.T. to the All-India Radio Station, Calcutta, which will arrange for its broadcast from the All-India Radio Stations at New Delhi and Calcutta at about 12.30 G.M.T. All-India Radio will also pass on the bulletin to the British Broadcasting Corporation, London, which will arrange to broadcast it sometime