

(c) *Prima facie* the accident was caused by the tender of the engine mounting its brake adjusting pull rod which, having got detached, fell in the channel between the main and the guard rails of the level crossing, leading to the derailment of the tender and the following vehicles.

HYDERABAD GOLD MINES

399. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in a quarter, measuring 13' by 9' more than 5 workers of the Hyderabad Gold Mines Company are living?

(b) How many quarters are there?

(c) What arrangements are contemplated by the Company to house these workers who have not been provided with quarters?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) No. Each quarter of this type has been allotted to a single worker.

(b) 425.

(c) The total number of labourers on 31st October, 1953 was 1195 of whom 560 are local employees who live in their own houses in the surrounding villages. The number of labourers requiring quarters is thus, only 635. The Company proposes to construct additional 200 houses for which they have applied to the Government of India for a subsidy and loan under the subsidised Housing Scheme for Industrial Workers. The Government of India have agreed to extend the benefits of the above scheme to the Hyderabad Gold Mines Company.

NEW POST OFFICES

400. **Shri Buchhikotah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices proposed to be established during 1953, Statewise;

(b) the number established so far; and

(c) the number of headquarters of taluqs which have no telegraph facilities up till now?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 45.]

(c) 424.

बारूद के गोलों की चोरी

४०१. श्री बीरबल सिंह: }
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: } क्या रेल मंत्री
यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वी रेलवे के दुर्गापुर और उरवेरिया स्टेशनों के बीच १६ बारूद के गोले गायब हो गये हैं;

(ख) यदि यह सच है, तो वे किस प्रकार गायब हुए हैं; तथा

(ग) क्या इस विषय में कुछ जांच की जा रही है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These cartridges were pilfered by miscreants by cutting a hole through the floor of the wagon in which the consignment was carried.

(c) Yes, Sir.

The case is under investigation by the Government Railway Police.

FISHERIES

402. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of capital invested in fisheries of Rudrasagar of Tripura in 1951, 1952 and 1953;

(b) the number of persons employed in that work; and

(c) the annual profits made from 1951 to 1953?