

(b) whether there is a decline in the fresh registrations or renewals of registration?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) Figures for October, 1954 are not yet available. The number of registrants on the last date of the three months preceding October, 1954 were:—

Number of Registrants	
On 31st July, 1954	5,88,837
On 31st August, 1954	5,99,360
On 30th September, 1954	5,90,538

(b) During July the combined number of fresh registrations and registrations increased by over 15,000 but in August it declined by over 30,000 and in September, by a further 5,000.

MERGER OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

45. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1363 on the 27th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken to treat 50 per cent. of the dearness allowance of the employees of ex-Nizam's State Railway who have opted to retain pre-absorption terms and conditions of service, as dearness pay; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) A decision in this matter has to be taken in consultation with the other Ministries concerned since Government as a whole is concerned. This consultation is in progress.

HINDI TIME TABLE

46. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the All-India Time-Table in Hindi has since been published?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Yes; copies have been sent out to the Railways on the 15th November, 1954, to be put on sale to the public.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

47. Shri S. K. Razmi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of goods trains involved in accidents during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1954;

(b) the total loss due to these accidents;

(c) the main reasons for the accidents; and

(d) the measures taken to stop the recurrence of such accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be furnished later.

RAJA-KI-MANDI RAILWAY STATION

48. Shri R. N. Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shifting of the Raja-Ki-Mandi Railway Station on the Central Railway has started;

(b) if so, what portion of the work has been completed;

(c) how much money has been spent so far; and

(d) when the work will be completed?

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

(b) The work of providing platforms, circulating area and approach road, tonga and rickshaw stands, and