

- (iv) Progressive augmentation of the overall rail transport capacity by increasing yard and section capacity, wagons and locomotives and improvements in operation.

Manufacture of Wagons and Coaches

593. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a concern in B'reilly District (U.P.) has sought permission and facilities from Government for manufacture of wagons and coaches; and

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this connection?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The Firm's proposal is under examination by the Railway Equipment Committee which has been set up by the Government to examine the development of indigenous capacity for Railway Equipment including Rolling Stock.

रेल गाड़ियों को रोकना!

५९४ श्रीरघुनाथ सिंह: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५५ में प्रौद्योगिक रूप से जंजीर खोलने कर रेल गाड़ी खड़ी करने की कितनी घटनाएँ हुईं?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्रीसाहनबाबुसा): सूचना इकट्ठा की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी।

Accidents on Northern Railway

595. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents over the former Bikaner State Railway portion of the Northern Railway during the years 1945 to 1955 year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to minimise them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) Year	Number of train accidents
1944-45	46
1945-46	60
1946-47	68
1947-48	85
1948-49	88
1949-50	81
1950-51	65
1951-52	66
1952	18
1953	41
1954	16
1955 (upto Oct.)	15

(Figures from 1944-45 to 1951-52 are for the financial years, as those for the calendar years are not available).

(b) Among the measures generally taken are:—

Effective disciplinary action against railway staff held responsible for accidents.

Systematic examination and intensive inspection of Permanent Way and Rolling Stock, etc.

Education of staff in the safety rules through periodicals, circular letters, etc.

Tightening up of supervision and control.

Frequent warnings to staff to remain vigilant and cautious and making them more safety minded.

Among the other important steps taken to minimise the incidence of accidents are the implementation of the recommendations of the Latham Committee on derailments and also of the Reviewing Committee, which reviewed the Report of the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee, 1954.

Raids on Stations

596. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of railway stations which have been looted or raided by armed gang or dacoits during the last six months?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Eleven during the six months, May to October, 1955.