

(ii) Better facilities for booking of passengers, reservation of accommodation and for enquiries.

(iii) Retiring Room for the tourists.

(iv) Cloak Room facilities.

(v) Increased Parcel and Luggage facilities.

(vi) Refreshment stalls.

P. AND T. STAFF

117. Shri Eswara Reddi: Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Extra-Departmental Staff discharged or ousted all over India as a result of raising the level of Extra-Departmental Offices to Departmental Offices since 1947 ; and

(b) the number of such staff retained or re-absorbed in service ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) 942.

(b) 116.

ROADS

118. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state the amount of grants made to the State Governments during 1955-56 for improvement of roads ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Rs. 69.11 lakhs.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

119. { **Chaudhuri Muhammed Shaffee:**
Shri D. S. Sharma :
Shri C. R. Iyyunni :
Shri M. L. Agrawal :
Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents on Indian Railways zone-wise during the period from the 1st October, 1955 to the 31st January, 1956 ;

(b) the total loss of life and property ;

(c) the causes thereof ; and

(d) the total amount paid as compensation ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The total number of train* accidents which occurred during the period is :—

Railway	Number of train accidents.
Central	175
Eastern	217
Northern	231
North Eastern	202
Southern	196
South Eastern	145
Western	135
TOTAL	1301

(b) (i) The total number of persons killed as a result of the train accidents is :—

Railway	No. of killed
Central	11
Eastern	1
Northern	5
North Eastern	14
Southern	Nil
South Eastern	3
Western	5
TOTAL	39

(ii) Approximate cost of damage to Railway property as a result of the accidents is :—

Railway	Damage to Railway property Rs.
Central	1,00,522
Eastern	3,37,769
Northern	89,209
North Eastern	95,334
Southern	1,36,288
South Eastern	2,50,688
Western	88,358
TOTAL	10,98,168

The cost of damage to public property is not known.

*Categories of train accidents included are:—

Derailment Collisions. Averted Collisions, Reception of trains on blocked or wrong lines. Trains running away, Parting of trains. Trains running into road traffic at level crossings. Fires in trains, Trains running without proper line clear or without line clear.