

DEATHS BY SNAKE-BITE

123. **Shri D. C. Sharma**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the approximate number of persons dying every year due to snake-bite from 1950-1955?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): No reliable estimate regarding deaths from snake-bite in

India has been made. The number of deaths due to snake-bite recorded in the registration areas of the various States during the years 1950 to 1953 as far as available is, however, given below, (Information for the subsequent years is not available):—

STATEMENT

Stats	1950	1951	1952	1953
Assam*	58	77	45	†
Bihar	†	†	†	†
Bombay	955	1,326	984	1,048
Madhya Pradesh	468	463	†	†
Madras*	1,479	1,068	†	†
Orissa*	584	508	962	†
Punjab	122	208	218	219*
Uttar Pradesh	1,189	2,047	1,426	1,542
West Bengal	1,415	1,453	1,471	†
Ajmer*	15	18	*19	†
Coorg	†	†	†	†
Delhi	†	†	†	†
TOTAL	6,285	7,168	5,125	2,809

* Figures relate to deaths due to snake-bite and attack of wild beasts.

† Information is not available.

KHEJURIAGHAT-MALDA LINE

124. **Shri S. M. Ghose**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Khejuriaghat-Malda line has been completed;

(b) if not, at what stage is the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

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१२५. श्री के० सी० सोबिया : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पेट्रोल, मिट्टी का तेल और खाने का तेल लाने, ले जाने के लिये भारतीय रेलों पर बड़ी लाइन और छोटी लाइन के विशेष प्रकार के अभी कितने टैंक ब्रैमन हैं ;

(ख) क्या तेल उद्योग को वर्तमान आवश्यकताओं के लिये ये डिब्बे पर्याप्त हैं ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो कितने और किस प्रकार के अतिरिक्त की डिब्बों आवश्यकता है ;