

Dismantled Railway Lines

961. Shri Kajrolkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway lines dismantled during the last eight years; and
- (b) the reasons which led to such dismantling in each case?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No railway lines open to public traffic have been dismantled during the last 8 years.

- (b) Does not arise.

Grant Road Station

962. Shri Kajrolkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Grant Road Station of the Western Railway situated in the heart of Bombay City has now become old and is unable to cope adequately and expeditiously with the large passenger traffic using the station;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints that great inconvenience and delay is caused to passengers on account of the narrow exits and lack of adequate waiting rooms and other facilities for passengers; and

(c) whether Government have under consideration any scheme for modernising the station?

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

(b) No. In June 1955, there was a complaint regarding inconvenience caused by not keeping open simultaneously two turn-stiles provided at the station on the down platform. This was immediately set right by making arrangements to keep both the turn-stiles open.

(c) No. The position will be examined *vis-a-vis* other stations to consider the feasibility and desirability of remodelling the stations in due course.

Mis-use of Alarm Chains on Railways

**963. {Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Sardar Akarpuri:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of persons prosecuted for wrong pulling of chains on different Railways, during the current year so far, Zone wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):

Railway	Number of persons prosecuted for wrong pulling of alarm chain during the period January 1956 to September, 1956.
Central	57
North-Eastern	52
Northern	43
South-Eastern	71
Eastern	157
Western	24
Southern	102

Passenger Amenities

964. Shri Bheeka Bhai: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations to change the present European type of commodes in passenger compartments to Indian type of latrines; and

- (b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) Some of the coaches are already fitted with commode-c/m-pan type latrines. The introduction of an improved design of commode-c/m-pan type latrines is under active consideration.

Morvi-Tankara Railway Line

965. Dr. J. N. Parekh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memoranda or requests have been received from the public Tankara—in Saurashtra (Western Railway) to convert and improve the existing narrow gauge line between Morvi and Tankara into metre-gauge line and extending the same upto Rajkot; and

- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto

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

(b) the proposal is not financially justified. There is a very keen road competition which carries most of the traffic offering.

Road Accidents

966. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a series of motor accidents have occurred on the