

Reengus Railway Station

385. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to construct a platform shed and raise platforms at Reengus Station which is a junction of Rewari-Phulera Chord and Loharu-Swai Madhopu branch metre-gauge sector of Western Railway; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The two existing platforms have been raised to 12 inches above rail level. There is a 50 ft. long platform shed on the island platform.

A proposal for extension of the shed on the platform by 3900 sq. ft. is included in the Second Five Year Plan but its inclusion in the Works Programme will depend on the recommendation by the Railway Users' Amenities Committee and availability of funds.

Remodelling of Rewari Junction

386. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to insufficient number of platforms at Rewari, trains stop at signals and become late;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to remodel yard and construct new platforms at Rewari Station which is an important junction on metre-gauge sections of Northern and Western Railways;

(c) if so the details of the construction programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Lines from five directions converge at Rewari and trains are stopped at signals only occasionally if they are late and arrive simultaneously for reception at the station.

(b) and (c). The work of remodelling the yard at Rewari is being considered for inclusion in the Works programme for 1957-58. The scheme includes the provision of an additional platform and

extension of the two existing platforms and is likely to cost Rs. 18 lakhs.

(d) Does not arise.

Railway Accidents

387. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**
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Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway accidents since July, 1956, zone-wise;

(b) the causes that led to such accidents; and

(c) the number of casualties and the amount of loss involved therein?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The number of train accidents which occurred during the period from July to September 1956 is as follows:—

| Railway | Number of train accidents |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Central | 143 |
| Eastern | 156 |
| Northern | 161 |
| North-Eastern | 130 |
| Southern | 120 |
| South-Eastern | 122 |
| Western | 132 |
| Total | 964 |

| Cause | Number of accidents |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Failure of Railway staff | 344 |
| Failure of other than Railway Staff | 25 |
| Failure of track | 21 |
| Failure of mechanical equipment | 388 |
| Other miscellaneous causes | 79 |
| Cases still under enquiry | 107 |
| Total | 964 |

(c) 138 persons were killed and 174 received injuries. The approximate cost of damage to Railway property was Rs. 2,027,592*

(*This figure excludes the Southern Railway figure for the month of September 1956).