

management first and if no settlement is reached then to approach him for intervention.

**Robberies and Dacoities in Trains during First Three Months of 1980**

4530. SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of property/life suffered by the passengers as a result of train robberies and dacoities committed during the first three months of 1980; and

(b) the extent of compensation, if any, paid/proposed to be paid by Government to the victims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The loss of property amounting to Rs. 1,95,923/- was suffered by the passengers as a result of train robberies and dacoities committed during the first three months of 1980 i.e. from January 1980 to March, 1980. Two persons lost their lives in these cases.

(b) No compensation is paid by the railways to the victims of the robberies and dacoities.

**Reservation of Berths Quota for Jolarpettai to Salem Junction in Tamil Nadu**

4531. SHRI K. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation of berths quota in K. K. Express, Jayanti Janata Express and G. T. Express from Jolarpettai Junction and Salem Junction in Tamil Nadu to New Delhi are not sufficient; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase these quotas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Reservation quotas in important long distance Mail and Express trains are allotted to intermediate stations after taking into account the total accommodation available on the train, demands from train originating stations, as well as important stations enroute from where the traffic is sizeable and regular. Based on this, Jolarpettai Junction and Salem Junction have been provided with the following quotas in 125 Dn. K. K. Express and 131 Dn. Jayanti Janata Express trains which are primarily meant to cater to the traffic from South-West Coast areas to Delhi:—

	125 K.K. Express	131 Jayanti
	AC 2 tiers	2nd Class
	Sleeper berths	Express
	Berths	2nd class berths
Jolarpettai Jn.	3	2
Salem Jn.	2	6
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No doubt, the demand is a little more than the quota allotted, but it is satisfied by sending messages and getting reservation from train originating stations and it is not considered desirable to increase the existing reservation quota of Jolarpettai and Salem Junctions.

The question of enhancement of the existing quotas at these stations will be considered when 125/126 K. K. Express train is double-headed and more accommodation becomes available on these trains.

15 Dn. G. T. Express does not pass through these stations.