

between Desari and Chaksikander Stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes; at about 12-30 hours on 16-9-57, 906 Dn. Express Goods train while running between Desari and Chaksikander stations on Sonapur-Hajipur-Barauni Junction Chord Line Section of Muzaffarpur Region (N.E. Railway). Engine and 39 wagons derailed and capsized at mile 153/10. The driver and two firemen of the train sustained minor injuries.

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४०२. श्री हरिदचन्द्र शर्मा : क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष १९५७ में अब तक राजस्थान को विभिन्न प्रजाजों के बीज की कितनी मात्रा दी जा चुकी है ?

साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री म० प्र० जैन) : इस वर्ष (नवम्बर १९५७ तक) राजस्थान सरकार को निम्न मात्रा में बीज दिये गये हैं :—

गेहूँ	५०३० मन
जौ	७०० मन
कुल	५७३० मन

Railway Bridges and Tracks

403. Shri N. R. Manisamy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madras have appointed a committee of Civil and Railway Engineers for periodical review of the position of Railway bridges and tracks;

(b) if so, whether the Railways were consulted; and

(c) the functions of the said Committee?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee is, however, not carrying out periodical review of Railway Bridges and tracks but is a Standing Committee for reviewing all

works—whether Railway or State—which affect the safety of Railways and civil departments.

(b) the Committee has been formed on the initiative of the Ministry of Railways.

(c) a statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 24].

Drought Conditions

404. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the areas of various States in Indian Union that have been affected by drought due to little or no rains in October, 1957?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No information specifically for the month of October 1957 is available. The respective State Governments have, however, reported the following areas as affected by drought:—

Name of States	Areas affected
1 Bihar	General scarcity of rain in the State as a whole.
2 Madhya Pradesh	Six out of the seven divisions have been affected. Information about exact areas is not available.
3 Orissa	Most part of the State are affected. The details of areas are not yet available.
4 Rajasthan	Districts of Udaipur, Banswala, Dungarpur, Churu, Bikaner, Ganganagar, Jodhpur, Sikar and Jhunjunu.
5 U.P.	Districts of Ballia, Ghazipur, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Azamgarh, Basti, Gonda, Bara Banki, Pratapgarh, Banda and Allahabad.

Development of Light Houses

405. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the improvement and development of light