

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes. He was murdered for gain and the main offender, a notorious criminal of Unnao has been arrested.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Registered Vehicles and Motor Cycles

2041. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many licensed registered cars, motor cycles and trucks were on roads in India in 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957; and

(b) the number of those on roads at present?

Statement

The information available with this Ministry in respect of the types of motor vehicles mentioned by the Hon'ble Member, taxed during the last quarter of the financial years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56, is given below. Similar information for the subsequent period has not yet been received from all the State Governments. Calendar year-wise statistics are not maintained.

Type of motor vehicles	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
1. Cars	1,59,630	1,70,682	1,81,439
2. Trucks (goods vehicles)	98,902	1,04,389	1,18,529
3. Motor cycles	30,242	33,324	39,000

Freight Earnings of Indian Shipping

2042. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the freight earnings of overseas trade by Indian shipping in private as well as public sectors during 1956-57?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The freight earnings of Indian shipping Companies in the overseas trade (excluding adjacent trades such as India/Burma, India/Ceylon and India/Pakistan trades) for the year 1956-57 were as follows:

Private Sector Companies	Rs. 14.77 crores.
Public Sector Companies	Rs. 1.99 crores.

Recruitment to Gazetted Posts on Railways

2043. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many appointments were made in the Gazetted Railway Ser-

vices by direct recruitment by the Railway Service Commissions and by U.P.S.C. during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) how many posts were reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) how many Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were selected;

(d) whether the quota reserved for them has been filled up; and

(e) if not, how Government propose to fill it up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Two statements, one for permanent and one for temporary officers, are placed on the table of the Lok Sabha Direct recruitment to the Gazetted Services on the Railways is not made through Railway Service Commissions.

(d) .No.