

(b) what is the procedure for the appointment of these Committees;

(c) in which Division is Banda included;

(d) when was this Committee appointed; and

(e) how many of them are from Banda District?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 64.]

(c) In Jhansi Division of Central Railway.

(d) The Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Jhansi, was reconstituted in January, 1958.

(e) None.

Representation on these Committees is provided on a functional basis, that is for the various commercial and agricultural interests and passenger associations in the area of the Division and not on the basis of Civil Districts.

#### Quota of Wagons

**2344. Shri Dinesh Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of wagons for the Central Railways for transporting goods to places on the N.E. Railway;

(b) the annual quota in the N.E. Railway for similar facilities to other Railways; and

(c) how many wagons were allotted to Banda during 1957?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** The total quota allotted to Central Railway for destinations on North Eastern Railway reached via Bhagalpur, Mokameh Ghat, Manduadh, Shahganj, Mathura and Varanasi, is 32.5 Broad Gauge wagons daily. Besides the above, booking of general goods traffic via Barabanki, Lucknow (Charbagh),

Kanpur, Bareilly and Moradabad is free of quota limitation for zones served by each of these points.

The total quota allotted to all other Railways combined for destinations on North Eastern Railway reached via different transshipment points subject to quotas is 594 Broad Gauge wagons daily or 2,18,810 Broad Gauge wagons annually. No. of wagons allotted to Banda for the year 1957-58 are as under:—

(1) To N.E. Railway destination via quota limited routes.	462
(2) To all other destinations other than (1) above.	3279
(3) Total of items (1) and (2).	3741

#### Diesel Locomotives

**2345. Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 954 on the 14th March, 1958 and state:

(a) how many diesel locomotives are running on Indian Railways;

(b) the number of diesel locomotives imported during the year 1957;

(c) what is the expected import during the year 1958; and

(d) what is the comparative running cost of an electric locomotive and diesel locomotive?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a)

Board Gauge.	66
Metre Gauge	26
Narrow Gauge	8
	100

(b) Broad Gauge 20

(c) Broad Gauge 80

(d) The running cost of an electric and a diesel locomotive is influenced mostly by the comparative price paid per unit of electrical energy and per unit of diesel oil in the area where the