

Railway Protection Force

1740. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any quota reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Railways Protection Force;

(b) if so, whether it has been filled up in the South Eastern Railway in 1957-58;

(c) what are the requisite qualifications for recruitment in the Railway Protection Force;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of Scheduled Tribes candidates have been disqualified during recruitment in the South Eastern Railway for not having the prescribed height; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the prescribed height for the Scheduled Tribes for recruitment in the Railway Protection Force?

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

(b) It has not been filled up fully.

(c) A statement giving the information is attached. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 30.]

(d) Yes. But for specially qualified candidates, a small deficiency of height was condoned.

(e) The matter is under consideration.

Railway Accidents

1741. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the Shahdra-Saharanpur Light Railway during 1957; and

(b) the number of casualties and amount of compensation paid?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan):

(a) 6 train accidents as follows :—

(i) Collision	1
(ii) Derailments	3
(iii) Trains running into road traffic at level crossings	2
TOTAL	6

(i) Collision	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Derailments	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Trains running into Road Traffic at level crossings	1	3	22	Nil.
TOTAL	1	3	22	Nil.