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Train Collision at Jagraon

Shri Vajpayee: Shri D. C. Sharma: 61. Shri Henri Sardar Igbal Singh: Shri Khushwaqt Rai:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Ludhiana-bound passenger train collided with another train at Jagraon on the 6th June, 1958;
- (b) if so, the number of casualties, and other details of this accident;
- (c) whether an enquiry has been made into the occurrence;
 - (d) if so, the findings thereof; and
 - (e) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). At about 7:20 hours on 6th June 1958, while No. 1 LF Passenger train was standing on the loop line of Jagraon station on the Ludhiana-Ferozepore single line section of the Northern Railway, in course of backing the rake of No. 2 LJG Down Shuttle on to the same line, the rear-end collided with 1 LF Passenger train. One person received grievous and 29 others minor injuries.

- (c) A statutory enquiry into the accident has been held by the Government Inspector of Railways, Lucknow.
- (d) His provisional finding is that the collision was caused by the failure on the part of the Guard and Driver of No. 2LJG Dn, to comply with the rules for shunting of trains.
- (e) Both the Guard and the Driver of No. 2 LJG Dn have been placed under suspension pending departmental action.

Hindi in P. & T. Department

∫ Shri Subodh Hansda: *63. Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made Hindi Training compulsory for the Posts and Telegraphs Staff;

- (b) if so, what steps have been taken to propagate Hindi among the Posts and Telegraphs Staff in the rural areas; and
- (c) whether any special facility is given to the staff for training in Hindi in the rural areas?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patii): (a) No.

- (b) The question does not arise.
 - (c) No.

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Loading and Unloading of Vessels at **Ports**

*64. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to evolve any scheme for the smooth and speedier loading and unloading of vessels at ports; and
- (b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Government have already introduced piece rate schemes at the ports of Bombay and Madras, with the object of ensuring speedier loading and unloanding of vessels. A similar scheme is being prepared for the Port of Calcutta. The question of preparing similar schemes for Vizagapatam and Cochin Ports will be taken up after the scheme for the Calcutta Port has been finalised.

Isolation Centre for T.B. Patients in Delhi

*65. Shri Vasudevan Nair: Shri Warior: Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Health pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government decided to open an isolation Centic for T.B. patients in Delhi; and
 - (b) if so, the details of the scheme?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. Y Karmarkar): (a) and (b). A 52-bedded T. B. isolation ward was establish-