

- (iii) while the programme for the organization of large sized societies included in the 1958-59 State Plans may be implemented in full, thereafter no further registration of large sized societies may take place in States in which 10 per cent. of the villages will have been covered by the end of 1958-59. (Existing large sized societies covering unduly large areas may be reconstituted with a view to reducing their area of operation so as to conform as nearly as possible to the pattern of size indicated at (i) above).

The States have been advised to keep in view the above principles in the organization of large sized societies. They have also been advised against indiscriminate amalgamation of small societies into large sized societies.

Railway Accidents

2340. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Railway accidents that have occurred between Bhatinda and Ambala since 1947 upto date;
- (b) how many are major and how many are minor accidents; and
- (c) whether Government have enquired into the causes of these accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Rameswamy): (a) and (b). Total number of train accidents of the following categories, between Bhatinda and Ambala is as follows:

	Minor (Since 1955)	Serious (Since 1947)
Deraillments	18	3
Collisions
Accidents at Level Crossing	3	..
Fires in trains	3	..
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- (c) Yes; causewise analysis of these accidents is as follows:—

	Minor	Serious
(i) Failure of Railway staff	18	1
(ii) Failure of other than Railway staff	2	..
(iii) Failure of track/bridge	2
(iv) Other Misc. Causes	4	..
	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>

(Records regarding minor accidents prior to 1955 are not available).