

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) During the period from 1-1-1956 to 30-9-1958, 24 serious derailments have occurred on the Indian Government Railways.

(b) The approximate cost of damage to Railway property is Rs. 1,587,288.

(c) The steps taken to minimise the incidence of all categories of accidents including derailments are indicated in Chapter VI of 'A Factual Review of Accidents on Indian Government Railways' copies of which were distributed to Members of the Lok Sabha.

P. & T. Employees

215. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1893 on the 1st April, 1958 regarding P. & T. Staff and state:

(a) the number of employees drawing a salary of Rs. 100 p.m. and above; and

(b) the number of those drawing less than Rs. 100 p.m.?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information as on 1st June, 1958 which is the latest available readily, is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Number of employees drawing a salary of Rs. 100/- p.m. and above	Rs. 43,702
(b) The number of those drawing less than Rs. 100/- p.m.	1,70,598

Follow-up Survey of the Reserve Bank

216. Shri Nagi Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the follow-up survey conducted by the Reserve Bank of India earlier to the 1951-52 All India Rural Credit Survey is over;

(b) if so, the main assessment regarding the income, indebtedness and reliance on Co-operative Societies of the peasant; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the Survey report?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The drafting of the district and general reports relating to the first follow-up survey has not been completed. Hence the main assessment regarding income, indebtedness and reliance on Co-operative Societies of the peasant is not available.

(c) Does not arise.

Commemorative Stamps

**217. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri A. M. Tariq:**

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

(a) the number, nature and names of commemorative stamps issued during 1957-58; and

(b) the total number of such stamps sold and the amount earned during the same period?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 65.] Information regarding the number of stamps sold and the amount earned is not available. The number of stamps printed and issued together with their face value is, however, indicated in the statement against each issue.

Women Employees in Telephone Exchange, New Delhi

218. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of women employees who are serving at present in Telephone Exchange Office at New Delhi?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): There