

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The matter is still under investigation by the Government Railway Police, Punjab and their report has not yet been received.

Women Employees on Railways

266. { Shri Rami Reddy:
Shri N. E. Munisamy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women employees in different railways; and
(b) the number of such women in different departments of Railways?

The Deputy Minister for Railways (Shri Shannawaz Khan): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the Sabha.

Theft of Copper Wire

267. **Shri N. R. Munisamy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of circuit hours lost by thefts of copper wire in trunk telephones and telegraphs services in the year 1957?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Loss to Railways due to Accidents

268. **Shri Chuni Lal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss sustained by Railways due to accidents and derailments during the years 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958 so far, year-wise; and

(b) what is the percentage of this loss to the total income of the Railways, year-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Losses due to accidents are computed in terms

of costs of damage to track and rolling-stock and claims payments on financial year basis and not on calendar year basis.

For the years 1955-56 onwards, the approximate cost of damage to track and rolling-stock due to all accidents including derailments was as follows:—

Indian Railways

Year	Approximate cost of damage to track and rolling-stock due to all accidents.
	Rs. (000)
1955-56	56,98
1956-57	68,92
1957-58	41,94
1958-59	15,38
(Up to August, 1958)	

The figures regarding claims payments during these years are under collection and the information will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as ready.

(b) Percentage of costs of damages to track and rolling stock to total gross earnings is given below:—

Indian Railways

Year	Percentage of cost of damage to total gross earnings.
1955-56	0.18
1956-57	0.20
1957-58	0.11
1958-59	0.10
(Up to August, 1958)	

The overall percentage, inclusive of the amount of compensation paid, will be furnished along with the information regarding claims payments referred to in reply to part (a) above.

Quarters for Railway Staff

269. **Shri Agadi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether quarters for Railway staff were constructed in Guntakal, the